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THE following Catalogue was prepared under the direction of the Honourable Board of Commissioners on the PUBLIC RECORDS, to whom this library was pointed out by Mr. Cooper, the Secretary of the Commission, as containing historical, legal, and record manuscripts, of which the accounts hitherto given to the public were exceedingly incomplete and unsatisfactory.

It will be perceived that in the preparation of it I have had constantly in view the object of the Commission, which was to collect for its own and the public use information respecting manuscripts of an historical character hitherto undescribed, or but imperfectly described in any existing catalogue, and especially those which were diplomatic, or which threw light upon Public Records.

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The catalogue has been already printed in the Appendix to the Report which the Commissioners on Records made to His late Majesty at the beginning of the last year. The benchers having done me the honour to request that it might be printed in this separate form, and the Commissioners having, some time ago, consented that I should comply with the request, I prefix the following short notice of the several distinct collections which have found a resting place in this library.

THE HALE MANUSCRIPTS.

The first, and by far the most important, is the collection of manuscripts made by Sir Matthew Hale, the Chief Justice of the King's Bench. This eminent person was so sensible of the value of historical writings, and of the public records viewed as historical documents, that he spent large sums of money in the purchase of antient legal and historical manuscripts, and in the cost of transcripts which were made for him of the Rolls of Parliament and of other public records. His collection is also enriched by a few writings of Archbishop Usher, and a multitude of papers in the handwriting of Selden, collections, for the most part, for the various learned works which that great scholar gave to the world. These, which appear to have been thought of too little consequence to go with his other manuscripts to the Bodleian Library, are now bound in volumes, and are chiefly useful as illustrative of his own literary habits, and, occasionally, of his opinions, useful to any one who shall undertake

to write the life of such a man as it ought to be written, but not without their value also as containing historical papers perhaps nowhere else to be found, and transcripts made by his own hand from public records, some of which are no longer in existence.

Of Sir Matthew Hale's own manuscript there is only one volume, a large folio, closely written, in the manner of a law common-place book, called by him, "The Black Book of the New Law." The rest became his by gift or purchase.

The Society became possessed of them in 1676, on the death of the Chief Justice, who gave them to it by his last will. The clause is in several respects remarkable. It evinces his attachment to the place of his early studies ; the estimation in which he, an admirable judge of their merits, held his manuscripts ; his solicitude that, having been collected with great care and expense, and reflecting light as they do upon each other, the collection should be kept entire ; and a disposition to restrict the use of them, which it is difficult satisfactorily to explain. In no age is the number of

persons great who desire to spend their time in the perusal of manuscripts of the class of those of which his collection consisted, and information concerning the transactions and habits of the times which are long past can scarcely be too widely distributed.

As a testimony of my honour and respect to the Society of Lincoln's Inn, where I had the greatest part of my education, I give and bequeath to that honourable Society the several manuscript books contained in a schedule annexed to my will. They are a treasure worth the having and keeping, which I have been near forty years in gathering with very great industry and expense. My desire is that they be kept safe and altogether in remembrance of me. They were fit to be bound in leather and chained, and kept in archives. I desire they may not be lent out or disposed of; only if I happen hereafter to have any of my posterity of that Society that desires to transcribe any book, and gives very good security to restore it again within a prefixed time, such as the benchers of that Society in council shall approve of, then and not otherwise shall only one book at one time be lent out to them by the Society. They are a treasure not fit for every man's view, nor is every man capable of making use of them. Only I would have nothing of these books printed, but entirely preserved together for the use of the industrious learned members of that worthy Society.



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- Close and Patent Rolls and Charter Rolls, in the time of King John, for the clergy; 1 vol.
- A great volume of records of several natures, marked G.
- The leagues of the kings of England temp. Edw. I., II., et III.; 1 vol.
- A book of antient leagues and military provisions; 1 vol.
- The reports of the iter of Derby, Nottingham, and Bedford transcribed; 1 vol.
- Itinera forestæ de Pickering et Lancaster, transcripta ex original.; 1 vol.
- An antient reading, very large, upon *Carta de Foresta*, and of forest laws.
- The transcript of the *Iter Forestæ de Deane*; 1 vol.
- Quo warranto and liberties of the county of Gloucester, with the pleas of the chace of Kingswood; 1 vol.
- Transcript of the Black Book of the Admiralty.
- Laws of the army, impositions, and several honours; 1 vol.
- Records of patents, inquisitions, &c. of the county of Leicester; 1 vol.
- Musters and military provisions of all sorts, extracted from the records; 1 vol.
- Gervasius Tilburiensis, or the Black Book of the Exchequer; 1 vol.
- The king's title to the pre-emption of tynne; a thin volume.
- Calendar of the records in the Tower; a small volume.
- A miscellany of divers records, orders, and other things of various natures, marked E.; 1 vol.
- Another of the like nature; 1 vol.
- Another of the like nature in leather covers; 1 vol.

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A book of divers records and things relating to the Chancery; 1 vol.

Titles of honour and pedigrees, especially touching Clifford; 1 vol.

History of the marches of Wales, collected by me; 1 vol.

Certain collections touching titles of honour; 1 vol.

Copies of records touching premunire; 1 vol.

Extract of commissions temp. Hen. VII. and VIII.; and the proceedings in the court military between Reay and Ramsay; 1 vol.

Petitions in parliament temp. Edw. I., II., et III., et Hen. IV.; 3 vols.

Summonses of parliament, 49 Hen. III.—22 Edw. IV.; 3 vols.

The parliament rolls from the beginning of Edward I. to the end of Richard III. in 19 vols. (viz. 1 of Edward I., 1 of Edward II., with the ordinations, 2 of Edward III., 3 of Richard II., 2 of Henry IV., 2 of Henry V., 4 of Henry VI., 3 of Edward IV., 1 of Richard III.; all transcribed at large.)

Mr. Elsinge's book touching the proceedings in parliament; 1 vol.

Noye's collection touching the king's supplies; stitched, 1 vol.

A book of various collections out of records and the register of Canterbury, and claims at the coronation of R. II.; 1 vol.

Transcripts out of Bishop Usher's notes, principally concerning chronology; 3 large vols.

A transcript out of Doomsday Book, of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and of some Pipe Rolls and old accounts of the customs; 1 vol.

Extracts and collections out of records touching titles of honour; 1 vol.

Extracts of pleas, Patent and Close Rolls, temp. Hen. III., Edw. I., II., and III., and some old antiquities of England; 1 vol.

Collections and memorials of many records and antiquities; 1 vol. Seldeni.

Calendar of charters and records in the Tower touching Gloucestershire.

Collections of notes and records of various natures, marked M.; 1 vol. Seldeni.

Transcripts of iters of London, Kent, and Cornwall; 1 vol.

Extracts out of the leger books of Battel, Evesham, Winton, &c.; 1 vol. Seldeni.

Copies of the principal records in the Red Book of the Exchequer; 1 vol.

Extracts of records and treaties relating to sea affairs; 1 vol.

Records touching customs and ports.

Partition of the lands of G. de Clare, &c.

Extract of pleas in the time of Richard I., King John, Edward I.; 1 vol.

Cartæ antiquæ in the Tower; transcribed in 2 vols.

Chronological remembrances, extracted out of the notes of Bishop Usher; stitched, 1 vol.

Inquisitions de legibus Walliæ; 1 vol.

Collections of records touching knighthood.

Titles of honour, Seldeni; 1 vol.

Mathematics and fortification; 1 vol.

Processus curiæ militaris; 1 vol.

A book of honour; stitched, 1 vol.

Extracts out of the registry of Canterbury.

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Copies of several records touching proceedings in the military court; 1 vol.

Abstracts of summons and rolls of Parliament.

Some records alphabetically digested; 1 vol.

Abstracts of divers records in the office of first fruits; stitched, 1 vol.

Mathematical and astrological calculations; 1 vol.

A book of divinity.

Two large repertories of records, marked A and B.

All those above are in folio and in paper.

The proceedings of the forests of Wyndson, Deane, and Essex; in quarto, 1 vol.

Those that follow are most of them in vellum or parchment.

Two books of old statutes, one ending 3 Hen. VII., the other 2 Hen. V., with the sums; 2 vols.

Iter Northampton, Nott., et Derb.; 1 vol.

Five last years of Edward II.; 1 vol.

Reports, temp. Edw. II.; 1 vol.

The year book of R. II., and some other; 1 vol.

An old chronicle from the creation to Edw. III.; 1 vol.

A mathematical book, especially optiques; 1 vol.

A Dutch book of geometry and fortification.

Marci Beneventani geometria; 1 vol.

Reports, temp. Edw. I. under titles; 1 vol.

An old register and some pleas; 1 vol.

Bernardi Breydenbachi peregrinatio; 1 vol.

Iter Kantiæ et London', and some reports, temp. Edw. I. et II.; 1 vol.

Legier book abbathiæ de Bello.

Isidori opera.

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Liber altercationis et christianæ philosophiæ contra paganos.

Historia Petri Manducatoris.

Horicii astronomia.

Historia ecclesiæ Dunelmensis.

Holandi chimica.

De alchimia scriptores.

The Black Book of the New Law, collected by me and digested into alphabetical titles, written with my own hand, which is the original copy.

This schedule has been of material service in the attempt which I have made to distinguish the manuscripts which were given by Sir Matthew Hale from those which came from other benefactors ; a work the more necessary, inasmuch as all the manuscripts not of recent acquisition have been supposed to be of the gift of Sir Matthew Hale, and therefore under the restrictions imposed by his will : in conformity with which opinion the words “ Hale’s Manuscript ” have been written, by a recent hand, in all the manuscripts which have been in possession of this Society from the time of Sir Matthew Hale, as well those which were his as many which the Society possessed from a period long before the time of this principal benefactor.

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Mr. Coxe, or of an elder Mr. Coxe, who was uncle to the benefactor. They extend through a period from the beginning of the reign of Anne to the 9th of George III.

HILL'S MANUSCRIPTS.

The fourth division consists of a body of legal manuscripts purchased by the Society, under an order of council, July 6, 1808, of the executors of George Hill, Esquire, Serjeant-at-law. These are for the most part modern notes and reports, many of them by Mr. Hill himself, or others his learned contemporaries. Amongst them, however, it may be proper to observe, that other smaller collections of manuscripts, similar in their nature and character to Mr. Hill's, are included, as "Mr. Justice Burnett's Manuscripts"; "Northey's Manuscripts"; "Mr. Serjeant Leeds' Manuscripts"; "Davy's," "Vivian's," and "Busby's Manuscripts," with single volumes of other eminent lawyers, who are named in the catalogue.

**MANUSCRIPTS, THE GIFT OF VARIOUS
BENEFACATORS.**

Besides these four principal collections, there are many manuscripts, some of which are among the choicest in the whole collection, the gift of various benefactors. These will be found distributed in the catalogue in two classes ; first, those which are known to have been in the library in 1697, when the brief catalogue of these manuscripts formed by Philip Stubbs, fellow of *Wadham College, Oxford*, was printed in the folio volume entitled *Catalogi Manuscriptorum Angliae et Hiberniae* ; and, secondly, those which have been acquired subsequently. In some instances the name of the benefactor, or, if the manuscript were acquired in any other way than by gift, the time and mode of the acquisition, cannot be recovered. To the following persons, however, the manuscripts themselves contain evidence that the library has been indebted :

John Brisco, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn.
Ranulph Cholmeley, an eminent lawyer,
who died as early as 1563.

George Anton, Esq., who was probably the gentleman of that name who was recorder of Lincoln at the beginning of the seventeenth century.

Charles Fairfax of Menston in Yorkshire, Esq.

Sir Roger Owen.

John Glover, Esq.

William Falconer, M.D., of Bath.

William Selwyn senior, Esq., bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Robert Kelham, Esq.

J. Palmer, Esq. of Gray's Inn.

Mrs. Lee, widow of John Lee, Esq.

William Melmoth, Esq.

John Lucius Dampier, Esq.

These several collections are carefully preserved in presses, in an inner room of the library.

In the following catalogue the second numeral, placed within brackets, is the number by which the manuscript is marked in the library.

The reader is also requested to observe

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that, in speaking of the periods through which reports or records which are in chronological order extend, when it is said that it is, for instance, from the third to the sixteenth of Edward the Second, it is meant that both those years are included.

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I.

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF SIR MATTHEW HALE.

I. (I.)

A large folio on vellum, of the fourteenth century, containing a Latin version of the HOLY SCRIPTURES, probably the Vulgate. In many parts the margins were filled with annotations, which have been deleted; towards the end several leaves have been cut out, probably for the sake of the illuminated letters.

II. (II.)

A folio on vellum, of the fifteenth century, containing JEROME's version of the SCRIPTURES,

with many beautiful and some singular illuminations.

III a. (XXXVIII.) III b. (III.)

Two thick volumes in folio, without title, table of contents, or index, containing copies made for Sir Matthew Hale from the **COMMUNIA** of the **EXCHEQUER**, beginning with Hilary term 1 Edward III. and ending with Easter term 46 Edward III. The copies in these books are, for the most part, of entries in the **COMMUNIA** which relate to the prerogative of the crown, or which throw light on the history of the constitution and on the practice of the court of Exchequer.

IV. (IV.)

Extracts, in a modern hand, from **PLACITA coram domino rege, 1—22 Edward II.** At the end is a brief index to points adjudicated.

V. (V.)

Modern transcripts of **PETITIONES IN PARLIAMENTO** for the years following ; viz.

6 Edw. I.	2 Edw. III.
2 Edw. II.	4 Edw. III.
18 and 19 Edw. II.	8 Edw. III.
4 Edw. III.	2 Hen. IV.
12 Edw. III.	4 Hen. IV.
21 and 22 Edw. III.	9 Hen. V.

At the end of the volume is a slight notice of points determined.

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VI. (VI.)

Collections out of records relating to the MILITARY DEFENCE OF THE REALM, disposed under the following heads :—

Musters and soldiers.	Wages.
Providing of ships and barges for the defence of the state and foreign expeditions.	The rate of wages by the day.
Imbarking of ships.	Service.
Defence, invasion, and sea-coasts guarding.	Officiarii belli.
Defence of the state.	Foreign expeditions.
Prayers.	Protections.
Rumours.	Confederations.
Castles and forts.	Aydeing.
Attendance in war.	Strangers retained.
Misdemeanors of officers.	Safe conducts.
Survey of armour.	Not to aid, &c.
Armour, &c. for the war.	Not to trade, &c.
Victuals for war.	Repairing of wrongs.
Provision of money for war.	Letters of reprisal.
	Arresting of goods, &c.
	Truces.

Under each of these heads is a valuable and often large collection of extracts from records. There are added,
Ordinances for war at the treaty and council of Maunce.
Other ordinances made by the Earl of Salisbury.

VII. (VII.)

Similar collections relating to AFFAIRS IN THE TIME OF PEACE. They are disposed under the following heads :

Navigation and sea coast.
Accusations and complaints.
The household.
Debts and loans.
Aid, subsidies, contributions.

Bound up with these collections is a treatise by Sir ROBERT COTTON, entitled "A list of all confederates with England from Henry I. to King James."

VIII. (VIII.)

Extracts, in a modern hand, from records at the Tower concerning TREATIES WITH FOREIGN POWERS. The rolls from which this volume contains extracts are,

Alemanniæ: 21—31 Edw. I.; 18 Edw. II.; 11, 12, and 14 Edw. III.

Patent: 27 & 31 Edw. I.; 14 Edw. II.; 1 & 2 Edw. III.

Vasconia: 2, 4, 8, 12, 28, 29, and 31 Edw. III.

Scotia: 10, 14, 22, 28, and 29 Edw. III.

Franciæ: 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, and 32 Edw. III.

IX. X. (IX.)

These two volumes are thus described by Sir Matthew Hale in the schedule annexed to his will: "Transcripts out of ARCHBISHOP USHER's notes, principally relating to CHRONOLOGY; three large volumes." When the catalogue of 1697 was compiled there were only the two volumes which now remain. In that catalogue they are described as containing "Diversa opera Jacobi Usserii Arinachani, chronologiam precipuè spectantia." Among these collections are,

1. "Tabulæ quatuor ab ortu mundi ad Vespatianum;" f. 1.

2. "Tabula indicans patres ab Adam ad Moysem; et anni eorum juxta traditionem Septuaginta;" f. 5.

3. A dissertation on Exodus xii. 2., with many observations on the Hebrew calendar and chronology; f. 11.

4. "Jo. Calvinii harmonia tert. Evangelistarum;" [sic] f. 61.

5. "Æmylius Probus, qui sub Theodosio floruisse putatur, de vita excellentium imperatorum; in Themistocle;" f. 62.

6. A dissertation on the two genealogies of Jesus Christ; f. 63.

7. A dissertation on the seventy weeks of Daniel; f. 67.

8. A chronological table of the life of Jesus Christ; f. 109. This is on the scheme of the four passovers.

9. Further notes on the seventy weeks; f. 112.

10. Copy of a letter, signed Ralph Skinner, addressed to Usher, in which the position is defended "that the Israelites passed not over the Red Sea *transversum*;" f. 121; and of two other letters from the same person, all of which are printed in the appendix to *The life of Dr. James Usher, Archbishop of Armagh*, by Dr. Richard Parr, fol. 1686; p. 356, &c.

11. Further notes and collections out of authors relating to the seventy weeks, and to antient chronology in general, both sacred and profane; f. 138.

There are also in this volume a long extract from a treatise written in reply to something advanced by Bellarmine, and collections relating to the Roman law.

The second volume consists of similar collections out of authors on the subject of antient chronology.

XI. (X.)

A volume of collections relating to proceedings in COURTS MILITARY.

1. A disquisition on divers questions in law which have arisen upon certain petitions of late exhibited in the court of chivalry.

2. An extract from the Gascon roll, 9 Hen. IV. N° 15, de recommendatione factâ per Rogerum Bulmer. It relates to proceedings before the constable and marshall.

3. An extract from the patent roll, 2 Hen. IV. p. 2. m. 7. de confirmatione, Scrope.

4. An extract from the patent roll of the same year, p. 2. m. 31. de pardinatione Kighley.

5. "Placita coronæ coram rege apud Westm', in parlamēto die Lunæ proximâ post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, 21 Ric. II. Les judgemente touch' les Dukes de Heref' et de Norff'."

6. The ordinances of Thomas Duke of Gloucester, constable of England, touching battails armed within lists, with an historical and legal commentary.

7. Various extracts from the rolls, of matter relating to combats before the constable or marshall, or both. These are from the parliament rolls, 8 Ric. II. N° 31, 8 Hen. VI. N° 38, 2 Hen. VI. N° 9; and from the patent rolls of 25 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 16, 3 Hen. IV. p. 2. m. 15, and 8 Ric. II. p. 2. m. 8.

8. Extracts on the same subject from Stowe's chronicle and from Sir John Hayward's life of Henry IV.

9. "Placita coram rege apud Westm', 22 Edw. I." Duel waged between William de Vessye and John Fitz Thomas.

10. "Transcriptum negotii quod fuit in curiâ militari inter dominum Morley appellantem et Joannem comitem Sar' partem appellat. 1 Hen. IV."

11. Certain points which are established by evidence of the preceding records.

The above form the first half of the volume. The second half, which is of a paper of somewhat larger dimensions, contains the same matter, with the exception of the first article, but more fairly transcribed.

XII. (XI.)

This volume is lettered "SELDENI COLLECTANEA, precipuè in ordine ad Titulos Honorum."

1. The grant of the dignity of a count of the empire by the Emperor Rodolf to Sir Thomas Arundell.

2. "Forma juramenti procuratorum de Archibus," &c.
3. "Forma juramenti licentiandorum in artibus Oxon'."
4. "That the jurisdiction exercised in the Prerogative Court is the king's, as the jurisdiction in other of his courts of Westminster."
5. "De actornat' faciend' coram senescallo et marescallo, et de placitis coram ipsis tenendis."
6. "De coronatoribus comitatuum associand' coronatoribus hospicii domini Regis."
7. "Propheciæ antiquæ."
8. Copies of three charters of kings of Ireland, which were communicated to Selden by Robert Sidney Earl of Leicester. These curious instruments are, (1.) a bond from "Odo Onel Rex Kenelean" to W. de Burgh Earl of Ulster and Lord of Connaught, to render at certain periods 3,500 cows, and to deliver four hostages before the next feast of All Saints, or himself to return to prison; he also binds himself to treat in the manner which becomes her, Alienora his wife, a kinswoman of the said earl. To all this he solemnly pledges himself, and in default he admits the right of the earl "me ejicere a regalitate;" the date is the 2d of October in the 53d of Henry the king. (2.) Grant of all the land of Glen Oconahill from "Dormicius Oceaen Rex de Fernecrene" to Richard Earl of Ulster and Lord of Connaught. "Datum apud Novam Villam de Blawyco," Dec. 1. in the 6th of King Edward. (3.) "Turchelagh Oconghs Rex Connac" to Richard de Burgh Earl of Ulster and Lord of Connaught; an acknowledgment that he has received his lands in Dreffinia, &c., 18th of Edward son of Edward.*
9. "Tractatus de antiquo dominico coronæ (ita inscribitur, Responsum potius dicas,) incerto autore."

* Only the first of these three very remarkable documents appears to have been printed. See *Titles of Honour*, Part I. chapter iv. *The Works of John Selden*, III. 138.

10. Brief excerpts from chronicles and other ancient writings in the library of THOMAS ALLEN; viz.

- (1.) "Anonymi vitae archiep. Ebor."
- (2.) "Turgotus Dunelmensis prior."
- (3.) "Chronicon monasterii Burton super Trentam."
- (4.) "Johannes Rossus Warwicensis."
- (5.) "W. Malmesbur' de antiq. Glastoniensis villæ."
- (6.) "Thomas de Wyke canon' de Oseney."

11. A treatise in English de duello, written by John Hill, armourer and serjeant in the office of armourie with King Henry IV. "Loo my leve lords here," &c.

12. "Acta concilii." Notes from the council books of the reigns of Richard II., Henry IV., and Henry V.*

13. The great officers of state.†

* These are throughout in Selden's own hand; and it is to be regretted that this eminent person has not shown in what original he perused these important but little known documents. There is in the main a correspondency with the Cott. MS. Cleopatra F. III., and especially when he speaks of the writ to Robert Rikedon; and generally there is a correspondency between these notes and the publication, by Sir Harris Nicolas, of the *Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council of England*. Yet Selden has some things which are not in the printed volumes; and especially a notice of a council held at Westminster, of Feb. 9 in the first year of Henry V., when William Farrington, a messenger from the Bishop of Durham, the Earl of Worcester, and Lord Say, the ambassadors at Calais, was introduced, who showed that for divers reasons wars were to be expected. It was determined to call immediately for an aid. The names are given of thirteen lords spiritual and twenty lords temporal who were present at the council.

† This may be transcribed:

- " In magno consilio cuiuslibet Regis,
- " Cancellarius.
- " Domini spirituales III.
- " Domini temporales V. cum aliis dominis non continuè residentibus in concilio, quando vellent venire.

14. Extracts out of Johannes Anglicus, his *Historia aurea*.

15. Notes from the pedigree of the Fortescues.

16. A few Latin verses, by Arthur Best, on the death of Prince Henry.

17. The titles of a few acts of the parliament of Scotland.

“ Custos privati sigilli.

“ Cum istis, VIII. vel alias minor numerus doctorum et expertorum virorum partim spiritualium et partim temporalium diversarum facultatum qui cotidie haberent investigare circa singula membra reipublicæ quid pro bono communi expediret et avisata reportare in consilio. Isti etiam relevarent dominos de multis curis et laboribus necessariis circa decisionem causarum judicialium coram dominis agitandarum, et admittend' in ambassiat' et commissionibus tam extra quam infra regnum essent convenientes et idonei.

“ Clericus consilii, et procurator generalis Regis; pro rebus bellicis.

“ Constabularius, marescallus, admirallis, aut alii quos pro tempore loco illorum Rex proponere vellet ad bella gerenda.

“ In domo regiâ quâcunque,

“ Confessor, senescallus, cambellanus, thesaurarius, contrarotulator, et secretarius in cancellariâ.

“ Pro regimine financierum,

“ Thesaurarius magnus, sub-thesaurarius, barones scaccarii Regis, et eorum principales scribæ.

“ Pro justiciâ communi distribuendâ,

“ Clericus rotulorum et alii magistri cancellariæ.

“ Judices in banco regis, judices in communi banco, et eorum principales scribæ.

“ Et quamvis personarum magnus numerus hic sit declaratus multo minor sufficeret pro inchoatione talis rei, quia exempla magis movent quam verba, et virtutis laus omnis in actione consistit, unde respublica prosperaret, multæ cederent discordiæ, &c.”

18. Transcripts or abstracts of a few charters to religious houses.

19. A letter addressed by the university of Oxford to a convocation of the clergy in 1425.

20. A few notes out of records touching ecclesiastical affairs.

21. Account of the censure of Verdon, a priest in Ireland, for scandalous words concerning the king, 16 James I.

22. A single leaf of vellum, part of an original book of statutes of the university of Oxford, containing matter which relates to the government of the *studentes* and the *scholares*. It appears to have been used in the binding of some volume.

23. Mode of proceeding against nobles in criminal cases.

24. "Judicium de judice corrupto; ex. pat. 24 Edw."

25. Petition of John de Wyndson; from the parliament roll, 17 Ric. II. N° 10.

26. A few notes from pleas of the forest.

27. Notes concerning officers of the court of chancery having the custody of rolls, and of the places in which they are deposited.

28. Concord between Sigismund King of Poland and the master of the Teutonic order of Saint Mary, A.D. 1525.

29. Extract from the Gascon roll, 15 Hen. VI. m. 4. N° 2.: pro Johanne Tibetot.

30. "Answer to the objections against the baronets."

31. Creation of Prince Henry, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, in full parliament, 4 June, 8 James I., from the patent roll of that year, pars nona; and other collections out of records concerning the heirs apparent of the sovereign.

32. Creation of Roger Bigot Earl of Norfolk by Richard I., in the first of his reign; from the chartæ antiquæ at the Tower, S. N° 14.

33. Inspeximus from the chartæ, 5 Edw. III. m. 1., of the

grant by King Henry of the castle of Arundel to William Earl of Arundel.

34. Charter of Henry [II.] by which Hugh Bigod is made Earl of Norfolk. *Chartæ antiquæ*, S. N° 13.

35. Charter of John, in the first of his reign, by which the third penny of the county of Derby is granted to William de Ferrers Earl of Derby. *Chartæ antiquæ*, B. N° 24.

36. Charter of Henry III., in the first of his reign, to Henry fitz Count, that he may have the county of Cornwall as Reginald Earl of Cornwall his father held it. Patent roll, 1 Hen. III. m. 13.

37. Creation of Edmund of Woodstock Earl of Kent. *Chartæ*, 15 Edw. II. m. 23.

38. Grant to Thomas of Brotherton of all castles, &c. which were Roger le Bigod's, formerly earl and marshall of England. *Chartæ*, 6 Edw. II. N° 31.

39. Creation of William de Clinton Earl of Huntingdon, *Chartæ*, 11 Edw. III. N° 42.

40. Grant to Thomas of Brotherton of all castles, &c. which were Roger le Bigod's. Of the same date with the above and from the same bundle, N° 32, but containing some additional limitations.

41. Creation of Ingelram de Couci Earl of Bedford. *Chartæ* 39 and 40 Edw. III.

42. Creation of William de Clinton Earl of Huntingdon. *Chartæ*, 11 Edw. III. N° 41. This is dated March 16: the one above is dated on the 18th.

43. Creation of Edmund of Langley Earl of Cambridge. *Chartæ*, 36 Edw. III. N° 8.

44. Grant to Reginald de Grey of the castle of Ruthyn and cantred of Deffrencloyt. *Chartæ*, 10 Edw. I. N° 4.

45. *Insperimus* of the patent (roll 28 Hen. VI. m. 23. p. 2.) by which Henry Earl of Warwick is created "Primus comitum vel primus comes regni Angliæ," dated at Dover, April 2, in the 22 Henry VI.; also of the patent by which Richard Nevil son of Anne, sister to Henry late Duke of Warwick, and of Richard Earl of Salisbury, her husband,

is created Earl of Warwick, dated July 23, 27 Henry VI.; which patents were surrendered to the intent that they should be renewed, &c.

46. Creation of Mary Lady Compton, relict of Sir George Villiers and wife of Sir Thomas Compton, Countess of Buckingham, July 1, 16 James.

47. Copy of the supposititious charter of Malcolm King of Scots and the Isles, by which he acknowledges to hold his kingdom of Edward son of Ethelred King of England. It is here said to be “In interiori thesauro in claustro Westmonast’, in cistâ Scociae.”

48. A large collection of the styles and titles of foreign kings and princes from instruments preserved in the paper chamber.

49. Extract from a Portuguese writer respecting the family of Val de Almada, some persons of which family were concerned in English affairs in the reign of Henry VI., and one of them admitted into the order of the Garter.

50. “For Mr. Selden, anent dignities in Scotland.”

51. Grant of the state of baron, as Lord of Beauchamp and Baron of Kidderminster, to John Beauchamp of Holt. Patent roll, 11 Ric. II. p. 1. m. 12.

52. Copies of superscriptions from certain intercepted letters.

53. Extracts from the book of the abbey of Saint James of Northampton.

54. “Ex tractatu aureo Petri Calefati de equestri dignitate.”

55. A remarkable extract from the book of Winchcombe relating to the homage of the Earl of Lancaster for the earldoms of Lincoln and Salisbury, A.D. 1310.

56. Forms of address in royal letters to persons of various ranks.

57. “De primis regalibus ornamentiis regni Angliae; ex MS. de fundatoribus ecclesiae Westm’ apud v. c. Rob. Cotton.” Compare Cotton. Faust., A. III.

58. Two extracts from the Norman rolls of 7 Henry V. relating to Gaston de Foix.

59. Extract from Gascon roll, 50 Edward III.; pro Johanne rege Castilli et Leon.

60. Grant to Thomas Montagu Earl of Salisbury of the land, barony, and castle of Longuy. Rot. pat. Norm: 7 Hen. V. m. 11. № 14.

61. Extract of Gascon roll, 23 Hen. VI. m. 7; pro Bernardo Angevin.

62. " Unde Guildhal dicatur."

63. Notes from the imperial constitutions, and from Ulpian, of matters pertaining to his enquiries concerning titles of honour.

64. Patent of creation of Lewis Duke of Lenox, Earl of Richmond, and Baron of Setterington, Earl of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Duke of Richmond in Yorkshire, to him and the heirs male of his body; dated 7th May, 21st of James.

65. Patent of creation of George Marquis of Buckingham, Duke of Buckingham, and Earl of Coventry, dated 8th May, 21st of James.

66. Notes concerning various titles of honour.

67. Patent of creation of Edward Grey, Lord Lisle, 14th March, 15 Edw. IV., with remarkable clauses.

68. Patent of creation of Ralph Butler, Lord Sudeley, 10th Sep. 25 Hen. VI.

69. Patent of creation of Walter Blount, Lord Mountjoy, 20th June, 5 Edw. IV.

The above are all the portions of this miscellaneous volume which require to be specified; but there are interspersed through the volume various other rough notes from records or from early writers, chiefly in the hand of Selden himself, and there are also extracts by him from Chaucer and other early poets of passages which seem intended to be introduced in his work on titles of honour.

XIII. (XII.)

Another and larger volume of **COLLECTANEA SELDENI.**

1. Extracts from the close and patent rolls relating to maritime affairs.
2. Paper of the fees taken by the under clerks in the Six Clerks office in Chancery.
3. A dissertation on the English peerage connected with the question of succession to the castle of Arundel between the heir general and heir male; the work probably of Selden himself. It is in Latin, and imperfect.
4. A few notes on the constitution and privileges of the house of peers.
5. "A copie of the conditions of the peace made between the Polands and the Muscovians," 1612.
6. "Precedent against monopolies," from the memoranda of the Exchequer, 5 Edw. III.
7. List of commissions for purveyance, and to whom issued; with heads of a speech about purveyors, and a letter on the same subject.
8. Notes respecting the presentation and election of bishops.
9. Exchequer fees, as entered on record, Mich. term 26 Hen. VI., roll 56; but apparently copied from a book printed in 1530.
10. Collections on the question of compulsory knighthood, with the original receipt, signed Wentworth, for £10 from Christopher Gill of Barton, in the county of York, as a composition for not having attended to receive the honour of knighthood, dated 21st Nov. 1632.
11. Charters of William the Conqueror and William Rufus to the abbeys of Evesham and Bath.
12. "The privileges or special rights belonging to the baronage of England; in which name are comprehended all those who as *prelati* or *magnates* and *proceres regni* by common right are to be summoned to every parliament, wherein also they have place and voice as incident to their

dignity; concerne them either as they are one estate together in the upper house, or as every of them is privately a single baron." Then follow the titles of twenty chapters, in which the subject was distributed; we have here however the first chapter only, the subject of which is the peers' proxies. This is no doubt a fragment of Selden's treatise on the privileges of the baronage, inserted in his *Works*, vol. iii. p. 1476.

13. Collections relating to the Hanse Towns.
14. Extract from the parliament roll, 2 Hen. VI., relating to Sir John Mortimer.
15. Concerning the church of St. Oswald of Gloucester, from placita of 35 Edw. fil. Hen.
16. Notes from the Tower records concerning the Mortimers.
17. Office copy of a commission, dated 8th September, 18 James, to Sir Robert Mansel, vice-admiral of England, appointing him admiral of a fleet fitted out for the purpose of extirpating the pirates with which the English seas were infested.
18. A few collections from records respecting the office of chamberlain.
19. A paper on the right of fishing in the northern seas.
20. A single leaf, being a fragment of an enquiry into the genuineness of a certain instrument which appears to have been dated on the eve of the Ascension, when that day fell on 22d May.
21. A few notes concerning the creation of dignities.
22. Office copy of the patent by which Robert Pierrepont, Esquire, is created Baron Pierrepont of Holme Pierrepont. Imperfect.
23. Office copy of the commons' petition, 3 Hen. VI., that persons accused of treasons, felony, or lollardy may be speedily brought to judgment.
24. A few notes which appear to have relation to ambassadors from Holland.
25. Slight reference to the patent rolls respecting creations of nobility.

- 26. Notices, still more slight, concerning insignia.
- 27. List of authors quoted in *Tractatus juris universi*, a work printed at Venice in 1584.
- 28. A few notes of patents relating to military affairs.
- 29. A few notes of placita relating to naval affairs.
- 30. A few notes from the parliament rolls relating to privileges.
- 31. Fragment of a decree in which Thomas Gonnell and John Hunt were parties.
- 32. A treatise on oaths and protestations upon honour as touching privileges of peers.
- 33. A few notes respecting the queen consort and her privileges.
- 34. Notice of the commission from Henry VII., dated 5th April in the eleventh year of his reign, to John Cabot and Lodovico Sebastiano to sail to discover new lands, &c.; and briefer notices of similar commissions to Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Adrian Gilbert.
- 35. Names of persons in an ecclesiastical commission of 6 Edw. VI.
- 36. "Notes of Mr. Saint John's argument of ship-money, as it was delivered me by Mr. Solicitor."
- 37. Case for an opinion respecting an intended mount for lone of moneys on pawns.
- 38. A few further notes touching knighthood.
- 39. A few notes respecting ships put in commission.
- 40. A long treatise, fairly written out, endorsed, "My Lord of Northampton's discourse of earls and dukes. Perfect."
- 41. An original letter, addressed to Selden, from J. H. Hottinger.
- 42. A single page (all that was written) of an intended account of his own life; written in Latin, and in his own hand, with many corrections and interlineations.
- 43. A few topographical memoranda respecting Thorney and Wittlesey.
- 44. Extract from the Menologia relating to the true time of our Saviour's birth.

45. Selden's own transcript of his letter to the Marquis of Buckingham in May 1620, excusing himself from taking decidedly either side in the question of the *jure divino* of tithe. In his own hand. The letter is printed in his *Works*, vol. iii. p. 1392.

46. Argument in Selden's own hand, with numerous interlineations and corrections, on the case of Archbishop Abbot, who had slain a man by misadventure.

47. Collections concerning oblations due to the church from citizens of London, and a legal argument upon the subject.

48. "The reasons used on the behalf of the right hon. George Earl of Shrewsbury and Waterford to prove that Sir Richard Lumley, Knight, being lately created Viscount Lumley of Waterford, may not enjoy that title without wrong to the said Earl." See LXXVIII. 77.

49. Notes of proceedings in parliament respecting the great officers of state.

50. A poem addressed to the Lord Falkland by R. C., junior, [Robert Creswell.]

51. A letter from Robert Creswell the elder, inclosing an oration delivered by his son R. C. in the school at Cambridge on Ash Wednesday in 1637.

52. A letter from Robert Creswell, junior, apparently addressed to Selden.

53. "Charta de annexatione præbendæ in ecclesiâ cathedrali Christi Oxon. regio professori ac lectori linguae Hebraicæ qui pro tempore fuerit in academiâ Oxon." 6 Car. I.

54. A few references to various antient authors, chiefly on the subject of the nuptial contract.

55. Extracts from a manuscript to which the title "Chronographias Λογοι" is given by its author, Joannes Malala seu Antiochanus. It is ἀκεφαλος, beginning at p. 10 b. line 6, and much is also wanting at the end.

56. The titles of various foreign works, chiefly on jurisprudence, with occasional references to particular passages in them; notices also of some works in manuscript, and

among them of manuscripts in English history, forming together a fasciculus of thirty-one leaves. In Selden's own hand.

57. "The antiquity and dignity of parliament." By Sir ROBERT COTTON. This is the second article in *Cottoni Posthuma*, 8vo. 1651.

58. An office copy of a memorial to the lord chancellor and the lord treasurer from the justices of the two courts and the barons of the Exchequer, touching the right of the council to imprison and to act in opposition to the established practices of the courts of common law, 36 Eliz.

59. "Translation of a letter from the Sophy of Persia to our king's Majesty;" November 1631.

60. An original letter to Selden, signed John Kelynge, Inner Temple, June 7, 1629, relating to proceedings in the reign of Henry IV. against Thomas Merks Bishop of Carlisle.

61. A catalogue of oriental manuscripts then lately sent to Paris by the French ambassador at Constantinople, which catalogue was transmitted to Selden by Lord Herbert of Cherbury, then the English ambassador at Paris.

62. A few leaves of rough notes, containing hints and references in respect of the subjects of Selden's various enquiries.

63. A list of the names of sixty-four kinds of birds, collected by Selden.

64. "Κλαυδίου Πτολεμαίου Φάσεις ἀπλανῶν ἀσέρων καὶ Συναγαγὴ ἐπισημασιῶν."

65. A few notes from the Gascon and French rolls.

66. Office copy, from the dorso of the patent roll 6 Hen. VII., of a writ directing Thomas Cheyney, Knight, and others, to repair to the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, and there to inform the people of the king's intention of making war upon Charles King of France, and to exhort them to give him all possible assistance. Similar writs were addressed to other persons in respect of other counties.

67. Office copy, from patent roll 41 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 11, touching the measuring of coals sent from the port of Newcastle upon Tyne.

68. "Records in the Tower touching his Majesty's prerogative in the narrow seas."

69. A few rough notes, being collections by Selden for his treatise *De synedriis, &c. Ebræorum*.

70. A transcript, but incomplete, of *Magna Charta*.

71. A report, made 15th July in 19 Edw. II. by the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Rochester, Robert de Wodehouse, keeper of the wardrobe, and John de Langton, one of the chamberlains of the Exchequer, concerning the regalia which they had inspected in the chamber beneath the chapel of the Great Tower of London.

72. List of the authors whose works are in the *Bibliotheca Patrum*; Colon. Agripp. 1618.

73. Three leaves of vellum, with an original kalendar chronicle, A.D. 1067—A.D. 1300, a little before which time it was written. The original hand ceases in 1288. I observe nothing peculiar to this chronicle, which is very brief, yet the first entry may deserve transcription.

M. LXVII^o. Wif's comes Norm' pūgnavit 9^a Harald' ap' Hasting' et vic' eu' ii^o idus Octobr'. Eod' ann' an' Nat' coronat' est Harald' u^o vulner' et vix de bello evasit.

74. A contemporary transcript of a writ issued by King Henry V., in the third of his reign, addressed to the Count of Charoloys in favour of the merchants of London, and of another to the council of the town of Ypres, and the deputies from Ghent and Bruges assembled in the said town, touching affairs of commerce. Both bear date at Porchester, July 28.

75. An original draft in parchment of a writ of summons under the privy seal to be issued to various ladies of rank to attend the Queen at the ceremony of her purification, which was to take place at the palace at Westminster on the 18th of November next ensuing, pursuant to an

order of council of the 30th of October in the thirty-second of the reign, *i.e.* Henry VI.*

76. An original feofment deed of all lands in Rothley by Margaret Knot of Wysowe, to John Hadcock and another, 18 Ric. II.

77. An original warrant to the treasurer and chamberlain of the Exchequer to pay to the Earl of Wiltshire, Sir John Fortescue, chief justice of the King's Bench, Piers Arden, chief baron of the Exchequer, and Richard Bingham, one of the justices, certain sums in reward, they being about to hold a sessions of oyer and terminer in Devonshire; and also to Thomas Littleton, one of our serjeants at law, John Greenfield, and Thomas Croxton, whom we have commanded to wait upon them. Signed T. Cant, R. Warrewyk, R. Salisbury, Stanley, J. Wenlock, John Grey; all autograph signatures. There is no date on the instrument itself, but in a later hand is written, "ix^o die Julii an^o 34 Hen. Sexti."

78. A copy on parchment, made, as it seems, early in the fourteenth century, of a charter of William King of the Scots, being letters patent to Morgundus son of Gillocher formerly Earl of Marr touching the succession to that dignity. They are dated at "Hindhop Burnemuth in mea Nova Foresta," 10 kal. Junii 1171.

* The ladies to whom these writs of summons were to issue were,

Ten duchesses; viz. Bedford, York, Norfolk the elder, Norfolk the younger, Buckingham, Somerset the elder, Somerset the younger, Exeter the elder, Exeter the younger, and Suffolk.

Eight countesses; viz. Warwick, Arundel, Northumberland, Salisbury, Wiltshire, Shrewsbury the elder, Shrewsbury the younger, and Oxford.

The Viscountess Bourchier.

The Ladies Grey Ruthin, Roos, Lovel, Cromwell, Baroness [Berners], Ferrers of Groby, Hastyngs, Bergavenny, Fitz Waren, Willoughby the younger, Latimer, Fitz Walter, Roos the elder, Delawar, Botreaux, and Souch.

79. An original writ (probably of Edward IV.) dated at Greenwich April 24, in the eighteenth of the reign, addressed to a bishop, that he should assist the owner of a prebend in his church, who was the King's clerk and counsellor, to recover rent due from Robert Caldecot, Gentleman, to whom he had granted a lease of it.

80. An original petition exhibited to the Duke of Bedford, protector of England, by Lawrence de Platea and James Camblon, merchants of Piemount; indorsed, that they are to have safe conduct for two years, 24th Feb. 6 Hen. VI.

81. Copy of a writ, dated 11 Nov. 17 Edw. III., directed to the sheriff of Yorkshire, touching tithe of fish due to the church of Paul. "Scire facias de decimis," *i.e.* decimæ piscium apud Paul.

82. An imperfect copy, in the original French, of the ordinances touching battail, of Thomas Duke of Gloucester, of which there are two translated copies in vol. XI. (X.) of this library.

83. Extract from the close roll 55 Hen. III. m. 3. dorso, touching the land of Nicholas de Seledon in Seledon.

84. Extract from the French roll 1 & 2 Hen. VI. m. 17. de procuratoribus Regis institutis.

85. An original letter to Selden from Roger Dodsworth, dated Hutton Grange, 28 Jan. 1623, accompanying a copy of a decree of Walter Grey Archbishop of York, by which is shown what part of the ornaments of the church belong to the rector or vicar and what to the parishioners, according to the custom of the province of York; and also an extract from the court rolls of the manor of Wakefield, 16 Edw. I., showing that Sir Franco Le Tyas, Knight, brought his action against Germanus Mercator, because he had arrested the horse of William Lepton his esquire, to the disgrace and damage of the said knight, whereupon he recovered 100s. Dodsworth adds, in a note, that "in Wakefield they can only arrest cattle, and not men."

86. Note of proceedings at the council table May 23, 1622, touching the conduct of the Lord Say in the matter

of the benevolence. The backwardness of the people of Oxfordshire was attributed mainly to him.

87. Copy of a warrant to summon commissioners respecting a loan to meet at Huntingdon, dated Dec. 23, 1626.

88. "Articles pour presenter au Roy et a messigneur de son conseil pour sur icelles faire le reglement des armoires," &c., in the time of Louis XIII.; imperfect.

89. Extract from the Irish patents 8 Edw. IV. of a grant to Robert Bold of the dignity of baron and of the lands of Rathbough; dated at Drogheda, 13 August, 8 Edw. IV.

90. Brief notice of an action of slander, 4 & 5 Ph. and Mar.; Sir Edward Gage of Sussex versus Hemsley.

91. Notes of a law case of Edward Earl of Shrewsbury.

92. Questions on the eighth article of the *charta de forestâ*, concerning the *sweinmote*.

93. Copy of a warrant, signed Tho. Coventry, addressed to the clerk of the crown, directing him to leave out of the commission of the peace and of oyer and terminer then about to be made certain persons whose names are given, or so many of them as he shall find in commission. Dated June 8, 1627.

94. A printed petition to the House of Commons from the parishioners of Winwick in Lancashire, relating to a decree in the court of the duchy of Lancaster concerning that rectory.

95. Blank form of indenture of apprenticeship.

96. "Ex libro vetusto manuscripto evidenciarum Petriburgens' monasterii."

97. "M.DC.VIII. Bulla de la Santa Cruzada concedida por la santidad de Clemente Octavo de felice recordacion et prorrogada y mandada publicar por nuestro muy santo padre Paulo Quinto," &c. Printed sheet.

98. List of peers of parliament, 18 James.

99. Copy of a Spanish decree concerning children that are illegitimate.

100. Notes from the rolls of parliament concerning Ireland, and concerning the wines of Gascony.

101. Copy from the close roll 38 Hen. III. of a writ to the sheriff of Wilts, to summon all persons in his baily-wick not already knights, who have 60*l.* land, to repair to his eldest son Edward at Bures in Spain, by the feast of Saint Edward next ensuing, there to take upon themselves the honour of knighthood with the said prince, who is then and there to be knighted by the King of Spain. Dated, August 30.

102. A tabular view of different classes of knighthood.

103. An original letter in French, addressed to the lieutenant, deputy lieutenants, and justices of the peace of the county of Bedford, and to other gentlemen of that county, from an agent of the King of Bohemia, concerning his affairs; dated, Londres, 13 May 1620.

104. Copies of state papers respecting the intended marriage of Charles Prince of Wales and the Infanta Maria of Spain.

105. Many extracts from a register of the abbey of Glaston in possession of the Earl of Arundel.

106. Copy of the Scotch patent by which Sir John Ramsey was created Viscount Haddington, 8 April 1606.

107. Copy of a charter of the Empress Maud, by which she grants to Earl Albericus all the lands which were Albericus de Veer's, his father, on the day he died, together with the chamberlainship of England, &c., dated at Oxford; of a confirmation by King Henry II.; and of a grant by Henry II. to Earl Albericus of the third penny of the county of Oxford, dated, apud Dover in transitu Regis.*

108. Copy of an inquisition taken at Abbotsbury in Dorsetshire, 13 Oct. 6 Hen. VI., before the deputy of John Duke of Bedford, admiral of England, concerning rights of fishery of the fishermen of Langton.

* These charters were well known to Dugdale (see *Baronage*, vol. i. p. 190.), who had them from the same originals with Selden, viz. an ancient book in the possession of the Earl of Oxford.

The papers which form the two volumes now described appear to have come into the hands of Sir Matthew Hale as executor to Selden, and to have been bound up since they were deposited in this library.

XIV. (XIII.)

A volume of HISTORICAL MISCELLANIES.

1. Four pages of notes from chronicles and records respecting parliament, and especially the sitting of the lords spiritual.

2. Abstracts of divers fines in the reigns of Richard I. and John, which appear to be copied from a manuscript of Sir Robert Cotton. None of these are before 7 Ric. I.

3. Succession of the abbots of Croyland, and other extracts from the Croyland book in possession of Mr. Lambarde.

4. An abbreviatio placitorum for the reigns of Richard I. and John; the arrangement imperfect.

5. A collection of historical papers, which appear to have been part of Selden's Collectanea; viz.

(1.) "Ninnii seu Nennii (uti est verior et vetustior scriptio) historia, sive origines Britonum; ad exemplar G. Camden v. c."

(2.) "Ex Ninii codice apud v. c. Rob. Cotton eq. aurat' et baronettum, alia quædam de Britonum regum successione sive posteris, &c.; quæ plerisque exemplaribus desiderantur."

(3.) "Vita sanctissimi atque doctissimi viri Gildæ."

(4.) "Epistola Simeonis monachi ecclesiæ Sancti Cuthberti Dunelmi ad Hugonem decanum Eboracensem, de archiepiscopis Eboraci."

(5.) "De oleo divinitùs ad reges Anglorum ungendos dato."

(6.) "Duo testamenta Alfredi regis inlyti."

(7.) "Alia fragmenta de regibus Saxonum alterioribus," &c.

6. In a series of paging, 1—163, are notes from the rolls at the Tower for the first thirty years of the reign of King Henry III. For the first fifteen years the extracts are from the patent, close, and fine rolls only, and in this portion of the work the extracts are most numerous. In the sixteenth of Henry III. the notes from the rotuli Franciae begin; in the seventeenth from the liberate rolls; and in the later years are notes from the Gascon rolls. No principle of selection is discoverable, the writer seeming to have been guided only by his own view of what was most interesting.

7. Similar notes from the patent, close, and fine rolls, 20 Edw. I.—1 Edw. II., and from the close and fine rolls, 2 Edw. II.—51 Edw. III. A few notes from parliament and other rolls are at the end of the volume.

XV. XVI. (XV. XIV.)

These two volumes contain copies from the close rolls of all SUMMONSES TO PARLIAMENT; from that of the 49th Henry III., issued by the Earl of Leicester in the King's name, to the 6th Edw. III., in vol. XV. In vol. XVI. (XIV.) are the summonses from the 7th to the 50th Edw. III.; and, in a different hand, copies from the same rolls of summonses of the clergy to convocations, from 7 Edw. II. to 22 Edw. IV.

XVII. (XXV.)

Transcripts of such entries as appeared to Sir Matthew Hale worthy of being transcribed, on the CLOSE ROLLS, 6—9 John, and 14—18 of the same reign.*

* The transcripts from the Tower records form a most valuable part of the library. They were made for the most part by William Ryley junior, probably a clerk at that time in

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Similar transcripts, 13—22 Hen. III.

XIX. (XXVI.)

Similar transcripts, 24—34 Hen. III.

XX. (XIX.)

Similar transcripts, 37—40 Hen. III.

XXI. (XXVIII.)

Similar transcripts, 38—40 Hen. III., and 44—46 Hen. III.

This volume also contains transcripts of single entries from other rolls and other reigns; viz.

Gascon, 38 Hen. III. p. 1. m. 7. and m. 8. Pro Edwardo filio Regis.

the Tower. They are very numerous, and contain much of that which is of the higher historical importance. From some of the *classes* of those records the transcripts are, however, very few; and there are many years of the classes, to which the attention of the learned judge was chiefly directed, of which no transcripts remain. Considerable portions of the rolls yielded nothing; as for instance, in the close roll, 46 Hen. III. m. 16, 17, 18. “nil notâ dignum.” The transcriber has copied the writs at full length and has opened the contractions. There is no abstract or calendar of the writs of which no transcripts were made.

The use to be made of these transcripts is, that here is collected and put in a convenient form for perusal the more important matter of those records, which it would be a work of immense labour and difficulty to search out in the vast volume of the records themselves, and to separate from the less important matter with which it is intermixed; and (2.) there may be found in these transcripts, occasionally, writs of which the original record may be now in a state of decay or may have been lost altogether.

Close, 1 Ric. II. m. 44. and 45.; 25 Edw. III. m. 16.
dorso; 20 Edw. III. m. 25. dorso.

Fine, 19 Edw. II. m. 15.

Chartæ, 29 Edw. I. N° 36.

Patent, 20 Edw. II. m. 4.

XXII. (XVIII.)

Similar transcripts, 42—54 Hen. III.

XXIII. (XVI.)

A continuation of the preceding transcripts to the end of the reign of Henry III. The binder has placed at the beginning of this volume a small portion of the 53 Hen. III., which was left out of the preceding volume by mistake; the continuation begins at fol. 16. This volume contains also other collections.

1. Transcripts from other rolls; viz.

(1.) Patent, 57 Hen. III.; 3 and 32 Edw. I.; 6 and 10 Edw. II.; 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14 Edw. III.
2 and 22 Ric. II.; 4 Hen. VI.

(2.) Fine, 3 Edw. I. m. 24.

(3.) Close, 13 Edw. II.; 19 and 41 Edw. III.

(4.) Gascon, 12 Edw. III. m. 11.

(5.) Aleman. Six entries in 12 Edw. III., which relate to the measures then used for the defence of the sea-coasts.*

2. Transcripts from the close rolls, of various dates, relating to the mint and coinage.

* One of these, entered on m. 10. dorso, directs that the monks of Lewes should be removed to a greater distance from the coast; another, on pars 2. m. 8. dorso, relates to the defence of the isle of Portland; and a third, p. 2. m. 7. dorso, is a writ directing that in churches near the sea only one bell shall be rung.

3. "Ex libro Nich. Upton canonici ecclesiae Sarum dedicato Humfrido duci Glouc'."

4. Proceedings in a suit about the advowson of the church of Harleston.

5. "Placita coram consilio domini Regis, a die S. Johannis Bapt'e in tres septimanas, 27 Hen. fil. Johannis."

6. "Assisæ apud Northampton coram domino Rege in crastino Epiphaniæ Domini anno 50, tempore turbationis;" with placita of the reign of Henry III. to the end of the volume.

XXIV. (XXIII.)

Transcripts, similar to those above, from the CLOSE ROLLS of 3 Edw. I., 6—11 Edw. I., and 13 Edw. I.; but the selections are far less numerous.

Similar transcripts from the close rolls, 1—20 Edward II.

Similar transcripts from the patent rolls of 48 and 49 Hen. III.

XXV. (XX.)

Transcripts from the CLOSE ROLLS, 27—38 Edw. III.

XXVI. (XXXII.)

Similar transcripts, 40—50 Edw. III.

In this volume are also transcripts of close rolls of 47 and 48 Hen. III.

XXVII. (XXI.)

Transcripts from the PATENT and CLOSE ROLLS intermixed.

1. Patent: 9—11 Hen. III.; f. 1.

2. Close: 12 Hen. III., 17 John, 9—11 Hen. III., and 1—3 Edw. III.; f. 19.

3. Patent: 1—3 Edw. III.; f. 123.
4. Close: 5 & 6 Edw. III., 2 Edw. II.; f. 171.
5. Patent: 5 Edw. III.; f. 249.
6. Close: 8 Edw. III., 7 Edw. III., 10 Edw. III., 49 Hen. III.; f. 268.

XXVIII. (XXIV.)

A similar volume.

1. Patent: 15 and 51 Edw. III.; f. 1.
2. Close: 51 Edw. III.; f. 54.
3. Patent: 11 Edw. IV. and 51 Edw. III.; f. 57 b.
4. Walliae: 6—10 Edw. I.; f. 71.

XXIX. (XXII.)

PLACITA, 1—4 Edw. I. These extend to f. 238. From thence to the end of the volume are a few selected cases from placita of the 13th, 18th, and 19th of that reign.

XXX. (XXIX.)

A SYLVA of RECORD and HISTORICAL matter. Most of the entries in this volume are of prominent interest, but the want is felt of an index and table of contents.

1. Transcripts from the patent rolls of matter relating to proceedings in causes military or in the court of chancery in the reigns of Edward III. and Henry VI.*; f. 1.

* The expression in a writ of Henry VI., 5th of his reign, patent. p. 2. dorso, "Catholicae fidei cuius defensio et tutela christianis dinoscitur spectare principibus," has been thought by some to be an anticipation of the formal grant of the title Defensor Fidei to Henry VIII. from the pope. The supposed connection is pointed out in this manuscript (perhaps by Sir Matthew Hale himself) at fol. 17.

2. Three writs from the rotulus viagii, temp. Hen. IV.; f. 29.
3. Sentence of degradation on Sir Giles Monpesson; f. 30.
4. Extract from the placita coram rege, Mich. term 8 Hen. IV.; f. 30 b.
5. "Veredictum burgensium Magnæ Jernmœ [Yarmouth];" f. 40.
6. From the placita de banco, Somerset, Mich. term 6 Edw. II. rot. 135. The master of the hospital of St. John the Baptist of Radclive juxta Bristol, plaintiff; f. 44.
7. Transcripts of entries in the patent roll, 8 Edw. IV.; f. 44 b.
8. Inquisition, 21 Hen. VI., touching riots, &c. at Norwich; f. 58 b.*
9. Transcripts from the patent roll, 12 Edw. III.; f. 68.
10. Transcripts from the close roll of the same year; f. 91 b.
11. The like from the patent rolls of 26 and 14 Edw. III.; f. 121.
12. From the close roll of 26 Edw. III. m. 20. dorso. Processus factus versus fratres ordinis Sancti Augustini Wynton'; f. 153.
13. Writ from the patent roll of 13 Edw. II. m. 12; f. 160 b.
14. Brevia regis, 6 Hen. IV.; f. 161.
15. List of ports; f. 166.
16. Brevia reginæ, 26 Eliz.; f. 168.
17. Writ from the patent roll, 6 John, m. 7.; f. 170 b.
18. Writ from the close roll, 22 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 15. dorso; f. 172.
19. Writs from the patent rolls, 12 Edw. I., 15 Edw. III., and 5 Ric. II.; f. 174 b.
20. Writs from the close roll, 13 Edw. III.; f. 181 b.
21. Writ from patent roll, 14 Edw. III.; f. 185.

* This is what is called at Norwich Gladman's insurrection. See *Blomefield*, vol. ii. p. 108.

- 22. Writ from the close roll, 26 Edw. III.; f. 185 b.
- 23. Writ from the patent roll, 15 Edw. III., de mercandisis cokettatis, with references to other records containing matter on the same subject; f. 186 b.
- 24. Writ from the close roll, 13 Edw. III. m. 44.; f. 188.
- 25. Writs from the patent roll, 8 Hen. VI. p. 1. m. 32. and 8 Edw. IV. p. 1. m. 18.; f. 188 b.
- 26. Extract from the placita 33 and 34 Edw. I.; f. 191.
- 27. Extracts from the patent rolls of 15 Edw. II. and 17 Edw. IV.; f. 193.
- 28. Extract from placita de banco, 19 Edw. III.; f. 195 b.
- 29. References to patent rolls, 10 Edw. II.; f. 196 b.
- 30. Extracts from the placita of Easter term, 19 Edw. I. rot. 58.; f. 199.
- 31. The same, Mich. term 5 Edw. I. rot. 100. Lincoln in banco, with references to matters contained in placita or writs of that period; f. 199 b.
- 32. "Orders made by Thomas of Lancaster, constable of England, for the placing of the kings of arms, heralds, and serjeants at arms;" f. 208.
- 33. Writ of the king concerning the exchequer of the county of Chester; f. 211 b.
- 34. Bill in parliament concerning the Duke of Somerset's offences, 3 Edw. VI.; f. 212 b.
- 35. Letter of King James I. to the treasurer, &c. of the Exchequer, in the twelfth of his reign, respecting assignment of debts from the subject to the king; f. 221.
- 36. Another letter from James to the same, respecting informations of intrusion; f. 225.
- 37. Extract from the placita of the Exchequer, 28 Edw. III.; f. 227 b.
- 38. A few notes of records of various classes, of the reigns of Edward II. and III.; f. 230.
- 39. Grant to William Earl of Nottingham of the office of marshall of England, 19 Feb. 1 Hen. VII.; f. 235.
- 40. Grant to Ralph Earl of Westmorland of the same office, 6 Dec. 1 Hen. IV.; f. 238.
- 41. Extract from the placita coram rege, 18 Edw. III.

concerning the attempt of the marshall to remove Walter de Manny from his office of sergeant to the marshalsey; f. 239 b.

From this page to the end of the volume are numerous transcripts from records of all the various classes, illustrating important points in law or history.

XXXI. (XXX.)

A large volume of TRANSCRIPTS of RECORDS.

1. From the close and other rolls of the reign of Henry III. without any arrangement; f. 1.
2. From the close, patent, and fine rolls of the reign of Edward I.; f. 49—483. But there are interspersed a few transcripts from rolls of other reigns, as at f. 89, and from the rotuli Franciæ of Edward III. at f. 125 and f. 173.
3. A collection of brief notices of matters contained in patent and close rolls, with transcripts occasionally introduced; f. 535—611. Interspersed are,
 - (1.) Diploma respecting the house of Kingswood; f. 557.
 - (2.) Instrument relating to the presentation to the church of Donyngton in Holland; f. 603.
 - (3.) Instruments respecting the rights of the dean and chapter of Lichfield in the church of Stowe; f. 607.
4. Extracts from the rolls respecting Pucklechurch in Gloucestershire; f. 649.
5. Extracts from the placita of 2 and 3 Edw. III. respecting the churches of Aldulvestre, Sulihall, and Louepitte; f. 663.
6. Verdict in a forest inquest concerning the forest of Dean, 18 Hen. III.; f. 685.
7. “Visus perambulationum forestæ Alti Pecci in com' Derb’;” f. 685.
8. “Perambulatio forestæ de Dene,” 28 Edw. I.; f. 686.
9. Writ from the close roll, 2 Edw. I. m. 2.; f. 691.

10. " Registrum omnium chartarum ac munimentorum
abbatiæ de Kyngeswode;" f. 693.

11. Miscellaneous notes from the Tower records, with
occasional transcripts to the end of the volume.

XXXII. (XXXIV.)

A volume of HISTORICAL MISCELLANEA, much
of which consists of papers formerly Selden's.

1. Descriptive catalogue of treaties and documents re-
lating to transactions between the early kings of England
and the pope and other powers, from the reign of Henry II.
to that of Elizabeth; f. 1—114.

(1.) Those which are inrolled and not in sealed
chartæ, extending from the reign of Richard I. to
that of Edward III.

(2.) The contents of divers bundles.

These documents are in the treasury of the receipt of the
Exchequer [the Chapter House]. Most of them are
printed in the *Fædera*.

2. A table of contents to various volumes, which consist
of manuscript treatises and documents, ecclesiastical and
theological, for the most part relating to the Reformation;
f. 115—128.

3. Cause, Mich. term 11 Hen. VII.; Hilary Warner
versus Henry Hudson and others; f. 1. of a second
series.

4. The king's writ to remove John Turner from the
office of warden of the church of Sutton Valence, 26th
March, 2 James; f. 6.

5. Admission to bail of John Kayser, executor to the
will of his father, 5 Edw. IV.; f. 7.

6. Writ for dissolving the convocation of the province
of Canterbury, 4 Charles I.; f. 11.

7. Writ of summons of a convocation, 21 Hen. VIII.;
f. 11.

8. Summons to parliament of the archbishop of
Canterbury, 24 Sep. 16 Hen. VIII.; f. 12.

9. Notes from records, and arguments respecting the power of the church; f. 13.

10. Titles of "Statutes made during the reign of King Henry III., King Edward I., and King Edward II., whereof there be records in the Tower."

11. Titles of "Statutes reputed to be made during the reigns of King Henry III., Edward I., and Edward II., whereof there be no records to be found in the Tower or elsewhere."

12. Transcripts of some and notices of many other writs on the patent and close rolls which relate to affairs of the church, and especially to the summoning of convocations.

13. Extracts from ecclesiastical and monastic registers; viz.

(1.) "Registrum de Boxgrave, vetustus liber, apud Rob. Cotton eq. aur. et baronettum;" now Cott. Claud. A. vi.

(2.) "Liber Eliensis conscriptus a Richardo Eliensi, apud Rob. Cotton," &c. A few notes are added from another book of Ely in the possession of S. Stewart.

(3.) Registrum Wigorniense, apud v. c. Rob. Cotton, written in a Saxon hand, before the conquest; *i. e.* Heminge Wigorniensis.

(4.) "Registrum abbatiae Abendonensis, apud v. c. Rob. Cotton."

(5.) "Codex Landavensis ecclesiæ, sed recenter scriptus; inter libros Johannis Pontesii."

(6.) "Codex Theokesburiensis, recens scriptus;" in the same library.

(7.) "Registrum Walteri de Moniton abbatis Glaston' secundum; penes illustr. com. Arundel."

The extracts from these registers were made by Selden.

14. Patent of creation of John Ramsey of Brodbury, Knight, Viscount Haddington, dated 8th April 4 James.

15. Creation of the earldom of Oxford, from an old book in possession of the earl.

16. Inquisition respecting the house of Abbotsbury and the fishermen of Langton, 6 Hen. VI.

17. A few extracts from the registers of the archbishops of Canterbury.

18. Extracts from the rolls of parliament of affairs concerning the clergy.

19. "Abstracta registri Cantuariensis, a Peckham usque Cranmer." This is the general heading to a series of extracts and abstracts from the registers of the following archbishops, for there is nothing later than Chicheley: Peckham*, Winchelsey, Reynold, Islip, Langham, Wittlesey, Sudbury, Courtnay, Arundell, Chicheley. See more ample extracts in vol. LXXIX. The abstracts of the contents of these registers are not in strict chronological order, Reynold's following Langham's. The series is also interrupted by the introduction of

20. Titles of the papal bulls in "Registrum bullarum in custodiâ camerariorum in thesauro Westm." This is the liber A. of the office and the *Fœdera*: and

21. Extracts from the liber Landavensis, lent to Selden by Theophilus Field, Bishop of Llandaff.

22. An imperfect treatise on the history of the later kings of India, and of Persia and Greece.

23. A few notes out of the rolls of parliament.

24. Transcripts of a few documents from the patent rolls.

25. "Out of Mr. Bradshaw's book." This consists of brief notices of placita in the reign of Edward I.

26. A commission from Queen Elizabeth to the Mar-

* The second of the letters from the patent rolls of Edward I. in the *Fœdera*, vol. I. p. 598, is entered in Peckham's register, and in his copy the word "statutum" precedes "concilii nostri," and is wanted to complete the sense. In the register of the same archbishop is a letter of the prelates to the king relating to the affair of the bishop of Saint Asaph, which seems to have led to those peremptory mandates of the king, and which ought to have found a place in the *Fœdera*.

quis of Winchester and others to visit the dioceses of Rochester, Canterbury, Chichester, and Winchester.

27. A royal address to an assembly of clergy, at which it appears were present Ethelwold Bishop of Winchester and Oswald Bishop of Worcester.

28. A mandate from James I. to the commissary of the prerogative court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, requiring him to grant administration of the goods of the Earl of Berkshire, lately deceased (Sir Francis Norris), to Bridget his widow.

29. Extract from the patent roll, 41 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 11., respecting coals at Newcastle upon Tyne.

30. " De superioritate maris Angliae, et jure officii admirallatus in eodem." This is not a treatise on the subject, but four documents relating to it.

31. Charter to the city of London, granted by King James in the sixth year of his reign, by which the jurisdiction of the city is extended over the precincts of various dissolved religious houses; viz.

The priory of the church of the Holy Trinity near Aldgate.

The priory of Saint Bartholomew near Smithfield.

The friars predicans near Ludgate, commonly called the black friars.

The prior of the brethren of the order of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel in Fleet Street, commonly called the white friars.

The hospital and liberty of Cole Harbour.

32. Copy of the commission for hearing and determining claims at the coronation of King Charles II., and the proceedings of the commission at large.

XXXIII. (XXXV.)

Abstracts of PLACITA in Communi Banco, 1—24 Edw. I. To this book there is an index.

XXXIV. (XXXVI.)

1. " **ABBREVIATIO PLACITORUM** in curiâ regis," for the whole reign of King Edward I. There is an index of the names of places mentioned and of the adjudicata.

2. A second set of notes of these proceedings, entitled " **Omissa in primâ abbreviatione**," with indexes. These are in two portions, the former extending to the twenty-first of the reign, the latter from that time to the end.

XXXV. (XXXVII.)

1. " **ABBREVIATIO PLACITORUM** in curiâ regis," 1—22 Edw. III., with index rerum and table of adjudicata.

2. 23—43 Edw. III., with index locorum and adjudicata.

3. 44—51 Edw. III., with index rerum and adjudicata.

XXXVI. (XXXIX.)

PLACITA and **ASSISÆ**, 1—15 John, with a few fragments of records of uncertain years.

XXXVII. (XL.)

PLACITA coram rege during the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV., with a slight index rerum. They are in three portions, and in the following arrangement; viz. 13—22 Ric. II.; 1—14 Hen. IV.; 1—13 Ric. II.

Between the first and second portion is introduced a copy, abbreviated, of a fine, in which the deforciant is " **Ricardus nuper Rex Angliæ chivaler**." *

* The fine was levied at Westminster, a die Sancti Martini in xv. dies 1 Henrici IV. The plaintiff was Thomas de Rempston, and the parcels were the manors of Bingham and Clopton-o'-th'-hill juxta Plumtre in the county of Nottingham, with the advowson of the church of Bingham, which the deposed king

XXXVIII. (XLI.)

1. Slight memoranda from the STATUTES from Hen. VI. to James I.
2. Notes from the close and patent rolls of Edward II. concerning parliament.
3. Notes from the rolls of parliament, 1 Edw. II.—31 Hen. VI. These are for the most part in chronological order, but at the end of the volume there is a leaf of the reign of Edward III.

XXXIX. (XLII.)

This volume consists of two parts, the subjects of which are entirely unconnected with each other.

1. A collection of proceedings in the common law courts respecting ECCLESIASTICAL persons and affairs, in the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., taken from the placita of those reigns, the entries being copied at full length.
2. Inquisitions of the tenants of the hundred of BAMPTON in Oxfordshire in the time of Edward I.; and similar inquisitions for other portions of the county of Oxford.

There is also near the beginning of the volume an account of some proceedings in the reign of Edward VI. concerning the prior and convent of the Holy Trinity of Dublin.

It may be expedient to add a list of the extracts from the placita in the first portion of this volume.

- (1.) "Ceste le monstrance le conte de Cornwaille," 6 Edw. I.
- (2.) Coram rege apud Westm. Hill. term, 7 Edw. I. Staff. rot. 8.

recognised to be the right of the said Thomas, for which Thomas gave the king fifty marks of silver. The fine was known to Thoroton, who refers to it in the accounts which he gives of Bingham and Clopton, but there is nothing from which we can infer why such a fine was necessary.

(3.) Apud Nottingham, Hill. term, 21 Edw. fil. Hen.
Ebor. rot. 23.

(4.) Coram domino rege et ejus consilio ad parliamentum suum post festum Sancti Hillarii, et etiam post Pascham, 18 Edw. fil. Hen. This is the petition of William de Valence, which is in the printed rolls.

(5.) Coram domino rege apud Sandwicum, Hill. term, 22 Edw. fil. Hen.

(6.) Coronæ coram Johanne de Berwicke et sociis suis justic' itiner' in com' Kanc' a die S. Mich. in xv. dies, 21 Edw.

(7.) Pasch. 23 Edw. fil. Hen.

(8.) Apud Ebor. 27 Edw. fil. Hen. Wigor. rot. 23.

(9.) Apud Ebor. Hill. term, 30 Edw. fil. Hen. rot. 31.

(10.) Apud Westm. Trin. term, 6 Edw. fil. Edw.

(11.) Apud Westm. Mich. term, 9 Edw. fil. Edw. Kanc. rot. 26.

(12.) Apud Westm. Trin. term, 9 Edw. fil. Edw. Sussex, rot. 109.

(13.) Ebor. Mich. term, 12 Edw. fil. Edw. Cornub', rot. 22.

(14.) Ebor. Mich. term, 13 Edw. fil. Edw. Kanc. rot. 10.

(15.) Westm. Trin. term, 13 Edw. fil. Edw. Hertford. rot. 15.

(16.) Coram rege in parlamento suo, Pasch. term, 8 Edw. fil. Edw. apud Westm.*

* I do not observe this in the printed parliament rolls; the question raised was the right of the ecclesiastical courts to cite persons who were of the king's court. An appeal in a cause of matrimony and divorce was made by Maud de Neirford, daughter of William de Neirford, Knight, deceased, of the diocese of Norwich, against Isabel de Barr Countess of Warren, the king's niece; she refused to appear to the citation of the archdeacon of Norfolk, as being "in comitivâ dominæ reginæ consortis domini regis."

(17.) Westm. Trin. term, 14 Edw. fil. Edw. Oxon.
rot. 20.

(18.) Ebor. Mich. term, 16 Edw. fil. Edw. Nott.
rot. 5.

(19.) Ebor. Mich. term, 17 Edw. fil. Edw. Oxon.
rot. 7. and also rot. 38.

(20.) Wigorn. Hill. term, 17 Edw. fil. Edw.
Hereford, rot. 87.

(22.) Westm. Mich. term, 18 Edw. fil. Edw.
London.

(23.) Westm. Mich. term, 19 Edw. fil. Edw.
Lincoln. rot. 53.

XL. (XLIII.)

A long reading in French on the **CHARTA DE FORESTA** and other forest laws.

XLI. (XLIV.)

Modern transcripts of the **ITERS** following:—

1. “ Nott. coram W. de Herle et sociis,” 3 Edw. III.
2. “ Bedeford coram Rob. de Arderne et sociis,” 4 Edw. III.
3. “ Derb. coram Wil. de Herle et sociis.”
4. “ Iter forestæ Henrici Comitis Lancastriæ in comitatu Lancastriæ, coram Willo de Blount et sociis;” 8 Edw. III.
5. “ Iter forestæ Henrici Comitis Lancastriæ de Pickering, coram Ric. de Willoughby et sociis,” 8 Edw. III.

This last iter contains a very ample account of the forest of Pickering, and of the rights enjoyed by the borderers or inhabitants, with copies at length of the charters in which many of those rights originated. Compare **Maynard XII.**

XLII. (XLV.)

Another book of **ITERS** containing,

1. “ London coram Henrico [qu. Herveio] de Stenton et sociis, apud Turrim London,” 14 Edw. fil. Edw.

2. "Kanc." 6 Edw. fil. Edw.
3. "Cornub. coram Johanne de Berewick apud Launceston," 30 Edw. I.
4. "Nott. coram Wil. de Herle et sociis," 3 Edw. III.
Of this iter only four pages have been here transcribed.
5. Inquisition of the forest of Dean, returned "die Mercurii in die Cinerum 10 Edw. I.," relating to its boundaries, persons holding lands within it, privileges, &c.; also the forges, harbours, minerals, airies, honey, coal, dogs, &c.
6. "Placita forestæ de Dene apud Gloucestr' in oct. Sancti Hillarii 10 Edw., coram Lucâ de Thany et sociis, justiciariis ad eadem placita audienda et terminanda assignatis." This is not complete.

XLIII. (XLVI.)

This volume is lettered "LIBER NIGER ADMIRALITATIS," which is the title of the second of several treatises which are here collected.

1. "Antiqua custuma domino regi pertinens de hereditate suâ in quolibet portu Angliæ per manus custom' regis ibidem percipiend." These are divided into custuma magna and parva.
2. A treatise in French on the office of admirall. It begins—*Puis que home est fait admirall, &c.*, and ends—*ne rabatra riens pour les vitails.* Annexed to this is a treatise, also in French, on the duty of the master of a vessel, and an inquisition returned, 49 Edw. III., at Queensborough, concerning mariners.
3. "The statutes and ordinances to be kept in time of war."
4. "A remonstrance delivered to his Majesty in writing after the inhibition given by him to the lower house of parliament, as well by words of mouth as by letters, not to proceed in examining his right to impose without assent of parliament."
5. "Whether the barony of Burgavenny, with the title

and dignity, be descended unto the lady being the daughter and heir of the Hon. Henry Nevill, the late baron of Abergavenny, or unto the special heir male, unto whom the castle of Abergavenny (being antiently the head of the barony) is descended." This is in substance what is printed in Collins' *Proceedings, &c. on claims, &c. concerning baronies by writ*, 1734, p. 97, and there attributed to Mr. Serjeant Doddridge.

XLIV. (XLVII.)

Collections for the history of the COURT OF CHANCERY.

1. Heads of chapters for such a treatise.
2. " Breviatt out of the records in the Tower concerning the authority of the chancery, with directions to find the originals ;" f. 1.
3. " De cancellario et cancellariâ ;" f. 12.
4. " Recorda ex archivis Turris de cancellariâ ;" f. 106.
5. " A discourse of the high courts of justice in England, and especially of the chancery court and of the lord chancellor, written by Mr. William Lambert, Armiger ;" f. 169.
6. " Of the high courts of justice in England, and especially of the chancery court, and of the lord chancellor that judgeth therein ;" f. 217.
7. " Some notes and observations upon the statute of Magna Charta, cap. 29, and other statutes concerning the proceedings in chancery, in courts of equity and good conscience ;" f. 233.
8. " The Earl of Oxford's case in chancery, Mich. 13 Jac. ;" f. 254 b.
9. " A judgment upon a statute ;" f. 258 b.
10. " Allen's case in chancery ;" f. 260 b.
11. " The king's order and decree in chancery for a rule to be observed by the lord chancellor in that court, exemplified and enrolled for a perpetual record there, anno 1616 ;" f. 266.
12. " A letter written by my lord keeper Sir Nicholas Bacon unto the lords of the councell concerning Francis

Kemp, complainant, concerning the office of the clerkship of the hamper, anno 1564;" f. 270.

13. "The opinion of Sir James Dyer, Knight, lord chief justice of the Common Pleas, and other of the Queen's Majesty's justices of the courts of Westminster, by virtue of her Majesty's letter of privy seal to them directed, concerning the jurisdictions and liberties of the county palatine of Chester, and the authority of the chamberlain and his office there;" f. 272.

14. "A discourse written by Mr. John Sheldon, student [sic] in the Middle Temple, London, and dedicated unto Sir Francis Bacon, Knight, lord keeper of the great seal of England, of the mention [sic], conjunction, or division of the two great offices of state, the chancellorship and keeper of the great seal of England, in anno 1617;" f. 277.

15. "An act of councell to establish order in legal proceedings in the islands of Jersey and Guernsey. At Westminster, the 18th of June 1565;" f. 288 b.

16. "An act of councell to establish an order in the legal proceedings in the isles of Jersey and Guernsey. At Westminster, the 13th of May anno 1572;" f. 289.

17. "The cases of conscience generally practised in the chancery;" f. 291.

18. "An ordinance published by Sir Nicholas Bacon, lord keeper of the great seal of England, concerning commissions in perpetuâ rei memorâ, the 10th of December anno 3^o Eliz.;" f. 296 b.

19. "The constitutions and orders renewed and established in the prison of the Fleet, anno Domini 1561;" f. 298.

20. "A grant of the chancellorship, anno 7 Henrici VIII.;" f. 307.

21. "The antiquity of the lord chancellor of England's office, collected by Mr. Tate of the Middle Temple, London;" f. 309.

22. "Ordinances, explained by Mr. Cooke, upon the estate of the chancery courts in anno 1554;" f. 315.

XLV. (L.)

A large volume of transcripts from the **CHARTÆ ANTIQUÆ** at the Tower, A. to Q., containing copies of charters of our early kings from the Conqueror to Henry III., with a few of the Saxon kings; also of the Queens Consort Matilda and Eleanora; of the Empress Maud; of Eustace Earl of Bologne, son of King Stephen; and of many other of the most eminent persons of that early period. Made for Sir Matthew Hale.

XLVI. (XLVIII.)

Other transcripts from the **CHARTÆ ANTIQUÆ**, AA. to NN.

In this volume are also transcripts out of the patent and close rolls, 5 John—11 Hen. III., and a few transcripts from the chartæ, 16 John, of documents which relate to the intercourse between England and the see of Rome.

XLVII. (XLIX.)

Transcripts of **GRANTS OF ABBEY LANDS** and of **OFFICES** by King Henry VIII., licences of alienation, &c. At f. 136 are a few documents, not royal grants, relating to private properties.

In this volume is also a document entitled, “Articles to be enquired of by the commissioners named in the commission hereunto annexed, touching the value of all the lands spiritual and temporal belonging to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Norwich.” The commission bears date 16th July 30 Hen. VIII.

XLVIII.—LXV.

These eighteen volumes contain Sir Matthew Hale's transcript of the **ROLLS OF PARLIAMENT**

from the reign of King Edward I. to the close of the reign of King Edward IV. This transcript was found of very material service when the rolls, as far as they were then known to exist, were printed by order of parliament.

The several volumes in the series, with the number of each corresponding volume, according to the arrangement in the library, will be found below, with an account of the portion of the rolls in each volume.

XLVIII. (LIV.) 18—35 Edw. I. To this volume there is an imperfect index.

XLIX. (LV.) 5—9 Edw. II.

L. (LVI.) 4, 5, and 6 Edw. III.; 13—29 Edw. III.
36, 37, and 38 Edw. III.

LI. (LVII.) 40—51 Edw. III.

LII. (LVIII.) 1—6 Ric. II.

LIII. (LIX.) 7—15 Ric. II.

LIV. (LX.) 16—21 Ric. II.

LV. (LXI.) 1—5 Hen. IV.

LVI. (LXII.) 6—13 Hen. IV.

LVII. (LXIII.) 1—5 Hen. V.

LVIII. (LXIV.) 7—9 Hen. V.

LIX. (LXV.) 1—3 Hen. VI.

LX. (LXVI.) 4—11 Hen. VI.

LXI. (LXVII.) 14—23 Hen. VI.

LXII. (LXVIII.) 25—39 Hen. VI.

LXIII. (LXIX.) 1—4 Edw. IV.

LXIV. (LIII.) 7—14 Edw. IV.

LXV. (LII.) 14—22 Edw. IV.

At the end of vol. XLIX. (LV.) are,

1. " Leges Henrici I., transcriptæ ex libro rubro Scaccarii ex parte rememoratoris regis; f. 16—20."

2. " Capita libri rubri in Scaccario."

LXVI. (LXXI.)

A large and splendid volume of the STATUTES from the beginning of the reign of Edward III.

to the third year of King Henry VII., about which period it was written. It is on fine vellum, and has several illuminations; in the initial letter are these arms: gules, a chevron ermine between three leopards' heads argent, with a white greyhound collared and chained for the crest, which are probably the arms of the person for whose use the volume was prepared. The name "Ric^{us} Fulbroke" appears in an old hand on one of the covers.

Prefixed is an alphabetical index of the principal matters; immediately following which is a copy of the statute against Hugh le Despencer and his accomplices, which appears to have been discovered by the compiler after the reign of Edward III. was completed, and is therefore here placed by itself. By an early hand, but perhaps not that of the scribe by whom the volume was prepared, this statute is said to be "anno Edwardi Secundi primo;" but this is a mistake, it is of the first year of King Edward III. This mistake has misled the author of the printed catalogue, who describes this volume as containing the statutes of the reign of King Edward II.

LXVII. (LXXII.)

A folio manuscript on vellum, of the age of King Edward III. It contains,

1. The proceedings of the "iter apud Northampton tentum coram Galfrido le Scrop et sociis suis, 3 Edw. III."
2. "Iter apud Derb. coram Will. de Herle et sociis suis, 3 Edw. III."
3. "Iter apud Nottingham coram W. de Herle et sociis suis, 3 Edw. III."
4. Year books of 1—4 Edw. III.

LXVIII. (LXXIII.)

A folio manuscript on vellum of the fourteenth century, consisting of 178 leaves, fairly written, in

two columns, and partially illuminated, containing in continued series various HISTORICAL and GEOGRAPHICAL TREATISES.

1. A chronicle, chiefly of sacred history, from the foundation of the world:—*Testante Sacrd Scripturā Deus in principio cælum et terram creavit, &c.* The Jewish history is accompanied with slight notices of contemporary events in the history of Greece, Rome, and Britain. The writer is very ample in his account of the life of our Saviour, and of the labours of the Apostles; afterwards the history is brief, following the course of the succession of the popes to the death of Innocent VI. in 1362. There is a continuation by other hands to the time of Pope Innocent VIII., 1489. It consists of fifty leaves.

2. A brief history of the antient world, and continued through the course of the succession of the Roman emperors down to Frederick, successor of Otho, in 1220:—*Ad Dei glorificationem omnis Sacra Scriptura, &c.* To this is added a collection of legends of prodigies and miracles. Twenty-four leaves.

3. A geographical treatise, containing brief descriptions of all the countries then known:—*Divinis et humanis rebus Julius Cæsar singulariter instructus, &c.* This is continued through twenty-one leaves, when, without any notice of a new subject being commenced, the writer recurs again to the British islands, which are described with much more minuteness than the other parts of the world, beginning with Ireland.*

* The account given of the course of the four great roads varies so much from that generally found in the geographical descriptions of England, in writings of the middle ages, that it will probably be acceptable to the reader.

1. The Foss, which is said to be the greatest of all, proceeds from Totness to Bath, Cirencester, Codeswold near Coventry, Leicester, Lincoln, Berwick, and forward to Caithness.

2. The Watling Street, from Dover to the neighbourhood of London, to St. Alban's, Dunstable, Stratford,

4. Another description of the British isles, especially England, with an epitome of its early history. Eleven leaves.

5. A treatise, entitled "Vade mecum in tribulationibus." *Intentio prima in tribulationibus*, &c. Seven leaves.

6. The history of the Normans from Rollo:—*Tempore Ethelredi Regis Angliae quidam paganus, Rollo nomine*, &c. Two leaves.

7. "De Britanniâ." The history deduced from the Trojans, and through the course of the emperors of Rome. *De Veteri et de Novo Testamento*, &c. Eleven leaves.

8. "Incipit vita Merlini cum propheciis." Out of this arises the history of Arthur, which is treated at great length; after which, without any intimation that a new subject was about to be taken up, we have the history briefly narrated of the Saxon kings, till at the Conquest the narrative becomes more full; and fuller still as we proceed, till in the reign of Edward III. it has expanded into a valuable and interesting chronicle of events. The latest entry is of an event which belongs to the year 1365.* There are appended to this chronicle, in the same hand, a genealogical table of the royal house of England, beginning with Rollo, and ending with the children of King Edward III.; and a table which is intended to illustrate the claim of Edward III. to the crown of France.

Towcester, Mount Gilbert near Shrewsbury, Stratton, Cardigan.

3. Beliustrete, from Menevia [St. David's] to Southampton.

4. Belingstrete, from Menevia by Hereford, Worcester, Wiche, Bermingham, Lichfield, Derby, Chesterfield, York, to the mouth of the Tyne, where is Tynemouth.

* "In fine ejusdem anni Willielmus de Wikham factus est episcopus Wintoniæ; quomodo consecratus in posteris plenius explicetur. Dictum fuit à vulgo quod episcopus Bathoniæ, Johannes Barnet, deberet transferri ad episcopatum Eliensem."

Bound up in the same volume are several other historical writings of greater or less value, of which the most valuable is

9. A kalendar chronicle. This commences with the birth of Christ, and is continued in the same hand to the year 1355, except that in a few instances single entries have been made by a later hand. From that time it is continued by a later hand, which was that of Willielmus Wymundham, as appears by what he himself says at the close in 1534. In the earlier portions of this chronicle we have notices of the Roman and Christian affairs; the deaths of saints and martyrs; the succession of the popes; eclipses; prodigies. As it proceeds English affairs become more and more prominent, till it becomes almost entirely English. Wymundham's portion is much fuller than the early parts. Some few events of public interest may perhaps be found peculiar to this chronicle; and it contains several entries of events interesting to the religious of the house of Kirkby-Beler in Leicestershire, to whom it is evident that the manuscript once belonged, and whose chronicle this may properly be called.

10. A list, written in the reign of Henry VIII., of all the parishes in Leicestershire, distributed according to the hundreds.

11. "Longitudo et latitudo Angliae."

12. A table of English sovereigns from the Conquest to Henry VIII., with the dates of the coronations and the deaths of each, the duration of the reign, and the place of sepulture. In this table the duration of the reign is not reckoned from the day of coronation, but from the day of the death or deposition of the preceding sovereign.

13. The succession of English kings in Latin verse, written in the time of King Henry VI., and continued by a later hand to the reign of Henry VIII.

14. On weights and measures used in England.

15. Assize of bread.

16. "A writ called Dedimus potestatem."

17. "The charge gyffyng unto every scheryff."

18. "Utrum bulla papalis sit vera an non."*

On the two concluding leaves are written various pieces of Latin verse, some of which are historical.

Respecting former possessors of this curious volume we have in the illumination of the initial letter the arms: nebuleé, argent and sable, on a quarter gules, a mullet or, which are probably those of the original possessor. At the beginning of the fifteenth century it belonged to Bartholomew Brokesby, by whom, in 1427, it was given to the house of Kirkby-Beler. This appears by the following memorandum in the book itself:—

Memorandum, quod Bartholomeus Brokesby Armiger dedit istum librum prioratui de Kyrkeby super Wrethek, anno Domini mill'mo cccc^{mo}xx^{mo}vii^{mo}.
Qui alienaverit, anathema sit. Amen.

The name of a later owner, "John Thynne," also appears in the volume; but there is nothing to show by what means it came into the hands of Sir Matthew Hale.

LXIX. (LXXIV.)

A very fair manuscript in folio on vellum, containing the STATUTES from Magna Charta to the second year of King Henry V., about which time it was written. Like most other collections of the statutes, it contains the Great and Little Hengham, and many other writings relating to the laws and usages of the time, the whole being in 226 chapters. There are prefixed a calendar, a table of contents, and a large table of capitula.

* The secret was this: "Si vis scire utrum literæ domini Papæ sint veraces vel non, numera punctos quæ sunt in bullâ. Et si inveneris circulum ubi sunt capita apostolorum habentem 73 punctos, alium vero circulum 46, alium super caput Beati Petri habentem 26, alium super caput Sancti Pauli habentem 25 punctos, et punctos quæ sunt in barbâ 26, veraces sunt; alioquin falsæ."

LXX. (LXXV.)

A folio of the smaller size, written in two columns on vellum, of the fifteenth century, containing “*Liber altercationum CHRISTIANÆ PHILOSOPHIAE contra erroneas et seductiles paganorum philosophorum versicias.*” *Omnis familia Summi et veri Dei*, &c.

This book formerly belonged to William Cosyn of Cam, the gift of Thomas Cornish, chantor of the church of Saint Andrew of Wells.

LXXI. (LXXVI.)

A folio manuscript on paper, with a few leaves of vellum, entitled, in a modern hand, “*LIBER MATHEMATICUS incerti authoris.*” It was written in Italy, probably early in the fifteenth century. The diagrams are drawn with singular elegance and delicacy.

It is a treatise on optics; the preface begins thus:—*Ante physice considerationis studia lux*, &c. The work is divided into two parts, of which the first begins,—*Charitatis amatori fratri Willielmo de Morbechd*, &c. ; and the second, *Promissio libro passiones speculorum sphericorum et cavorum*, &c.*

LXXII. (LXXVII.)

A folio manuscript on paper, in a hand of the fifteenth century, containing various LAW TRACTS, bound in the following order :

1. A *registrum brevium*.
2. A treatise on tenures:—*Tenur per service de chevalier est tenur per humage*, &c. The latter part of this treatise is wanting.

* On a fly leaf of this volume the proportionality of the sun's diameter to that of the earth is stated to be as 11 to 2.

3. "Un liver de exposicion de lez tenures fait a toy mon fitz a pluis meilleur apprender et intender les." In three books. This is Littleton's treatise.

4. Reports for all the terms of the 38th and 39th of Edw. III.

5. Reports of the 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, also 10, 21, and 22 Ric. II.

6. Reports, 10 Edw. IV., and "De termino Sancti Michaelis anno ab incocatione H. VI^{ti}. et readep-
tionis regiae potestatis suae primo."

7. Reports, 5 Hen. V.

Interspersed are —

1. An explanation of the powers of the Arabic numerals in respect of their place.

2. Commission of the justices itinerant, and writ to the sheriff.

3. Of the knight's fee, and its subdivisions.

4. Notice of the fees to be demanded in the various steps of proceedings at law.

5. Table of the kings.

In the binding of this volume a printed paper has been used which is a brief granted by Pope Julius II., recommending Michael de Paleologo, a Constantinopolitan, to the benevolence of the Christian world.

This volume was purchased for twelve shillings by Sir Matthew Hale of Mr. Washington, a dealer in antient manuscripts.

LXXXIII. (LXXVIII.)

A small folio, of the time of King Charles I., containing references to the records at the Tower for information respecting the COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

1. To the patent, close, fine, and charter rolls, from the reign of John to that of Edward IV.

2. To the inquisitions post mortem and ad quod damnum, from 1 Edw. I. to 3 Ric. III.

It seems to have been taken from the office calendars.

LXXIV. (LXXIX.)

A similar volume for the COUNTY OF LEICESTER, but of the inquisitions only.

The name of the collector appears to have been Mr. W. Swynford of Leicestershire.

LXXV. (LXXX.)

A folio volume consisting of numerous distinct pieces.

1. Extract from the parliament roll, 46 Edw. III. art. 43.

2. Extracts from placita in the custody of the chamberlains of the Exchequer, beginning with 6 Edw. I.; placita in curiā regis and in parlamento; and also from the petitiones in parlamento. There are also a few from placita exercitūs, and from the iters.

3. Extract from an old book belonging to Mr. Strangman, of the different species of tenures in England.

4. A large extract from the placita of the county of Chester, 20 Edw. III., N° 75, in which Edward de Warren and Cecilia his wife are complainants against John de Arderne.

5. A short treatise on the law of England and the courts, commencing thus: *Omne jus aut necessitas fecit aut consensus constituit, aut formavit consuetudo. In this is comprehended all our laws of England, that is to say, common law, custom, and statute law, &c.*

6. " Attainder of Henry VI., and divers lords and others."

7. " Modus procedendi in placitis terræ in hustengo London." To this are added notes respecting the customs of the city of London, and a paper entitled, " Orders taken and enacted for orphans and their portions, 5 Edw. VI."

8. " The argument of Justice Walmesley in the Exchequer Chamber, for the assize between Lord Cromwell and Andrewes, xx. die Octobris, 41 Eliz., 1599."

9. Notes of readings on the law of devise of tenures in socage.

10. Readings upon the "Statut de explanation sur le statut de darrein volunte, anno 34 et 35 Hen. VIII. c. 5." To this and the preceding the name of A. Gylbert is subscribed as if he were the author, with the date 2 and 3 Ph. and Mar.

11. "Whether any estate of lands or tenements may pass from his highness."

12. A few notes respecting the manor of Macclesfield.

13. "A note of such lands as passed the great seal of England in fee, and were all, or the most part, of the antient earldom of Chester," 8 Edw. I.—1 Mariæ.

14. "Certain errors upon the statute made 25 Edw. III. of children born beyond the sea, conceived by Serjeant Browne and compiled by Serjeant Fairfax, in manner of a dialogue." This tract is cited by Hargrave, *Co. Litt.* 8 a. n. 1.

15. "Archeion, or the high courts of justice in England, by Mr. Lambert of Lincoln's Inn, anno 1584." This manuscript varies greatly from the edition of this treatise published in 1635, 12mo., both in the arrangement and the text. Its readings seem in general to deserve the preference.

16. "Mr. Guyn's preface to his readings."

17. "Reports de la reverend et erudite Thomas Owen, un des justices de Comon Banke al Westm'," 28—39 Elizabeth. "Transcribed out of his own book, July 1600." Some of these are not found in the volume of Owen's Reports, printed in 1650.

18. "Le case Harvye vers Facye."

19. "Nicholl's case."

20. "The argument of Mr. John Walter in the case of King James his hospital, made for Baxter."

21. "Baron Altham's argument in le case de commendams."

22. "Touching the jurisdiction of the chancery." An

opinion given to King James, signed Fran. Bacon and Hen. Yelverton.

23. Argument in the Abergavenny peerage case.
24. " *Errores in camerâ Scaccarii apud Westmonasterium.*"
25. " *L'argument des justices del Comon Banke, M. 37 and 38 Eliz.*" Germyn and Ascott.
26. " Notes concerning aid to the King to make Prince Henry knight, 8 April 1611."
27. " *Rotulus de clamiis ad coronationem regis irrotulatis de anno tercio Jacobi Regis.*"
28. A few brief notes of grants of office by King James.
29. Copies of the patents of twelve peers created in the first year of King James, and of the restoration of the Earl of Southampton.

LXXVI. (LXXXI.)

Various LAW PIECES.

1. *Placita de quo warranto in com. Glouc., 15 Edw. I.* Modern transcript.
2. *Placita coronæ in com. Glouc., 15 Edw. I.* Modern transcript.
3. Extract from the placita forestæ among the records in the treasury of the receipt of the Exchequer, respecting the forests of Kingswood and Filwood in com. Som. et Glouc., temp. Edw. IV.
4. Extract from the placita parliamenti 18 Edw. I., relating to the burgesses of Newcastle and the prior of Tynemouth.
5. " *A declaration how kings of England have from time to time supported and repaired their estates, collected out of the records of the Tower, by William Noye, Esq. and the Attorney General, anno decimo Caroli Regis.*" This is the treatise which is printed by Howell in his *Cottoni Posthuma*, 8vo., 1651, and there attributed to Sir Robert Cotton.

6. " The copy of his Majesty's letters patent granted to Sir Job Harby, Robert Charlton, Roger Vivian, Thomas Benist, and William Langhorne, touching the pre-emption of tynn, with a release of 4,000*l.* per annum out of that farme."

7. Report of proceedings in the star chamber, Attorney General against Richard Glover and others, for contempts, &c. in respect of the grant about pre-emption of tin.

LXXVII. (LXXXII.)

A volume of HISTORICAL AND LEGAL MISCELLANIES, about half filled.

1. Order in council, 6th April 1638: sentence of consecration and other documents relating to the church then recently erected in Covent Garden, in the parish of St. Martin's in the Fields.

2. " Casus cujusdam Fines Leonard." This concerns the rights of persons of English parents born abroad.

3. Decree in the court of the duchy of Lancaster, 16th Feb. 1637, concerning the lead mines in the wapentake of Wirksworth; Henry Earl of Dover, Sir Abraham Dawes, Sir Robert Sharpey, Knights, John Curzon, Esq., George Drywood, Thomas Wright, Richard Carrier, Bridget Rogers, and Nathaniel Sayer, complainants, against Sir Robert Heath, Knight, Cornelius Vermuyden, John Molanus, and Anthony Coates, defendants.

4. An inspeximus of King James I., in the second year of his reign, reciting several intermediate inspeximuses, and ultimately a charter of King Edward III. granting certain privileges to the goldsmiths of the city of London, and a charter of King Richard II. to the same in the third year of his reign.

5. A few brief notes of proclamations in the time of James I. respecting the affairs of the goldsmiths company.

6. " Vera copia literarum regis super inquisitionem admiralitatis com. Norff," 5 Edw. IV.; and writ of

Richard Duke of Gloucester, admiral of England, Ireland, and Aquitaine, respecting rights claimed by the abbot and convent of Ramsey on the coast of Norfolk. These are said to be, "Ex veteri libro de Ramsey penes Wil. Savile, Mil."

7. "De jacturâ maris apud Ringstead." This is a copy of a charter granted by the Conqueror to the abbot of Ramsey of, *inter alia*, jactura maris at Ringstead and Brancaster. It is addressed to Lanfranc the archbishop, and the witnesses are Odo Bishop of Baieux, William de Warren, Eudo Dapifer, and Ivo Taillebois. It is said to be copied "Ex veteri libro de Ramsey penes Hen. Spelman, Mil."

8. "The passages and proceedings against feoffees in trust for the buying in of impropriations and advowsons, &c., in the Exchequer Chamber, 9 Caroli, anno Dom. 1633."

9. Copies of forest rolls for the county of Oxford, especially of the placita before W. le Breton, 40 Hen. III., in the treasury of the receipt of the Exchequer.

10. An incomplete copy of a patent granted to James Earl of Carlisle respecting the Caribbee islands.

11. "Officium marescalli et constabularii Angliæ tam tempore pacis quam guerræ."

12. Writ of King Charles I., in the first year of his reign, concerning the customs.

13. "Ex historiâ Crowlandensi, continuatione Ingulphi."

14. From the close roll, 9 Ric. II. m. 48: "De certis bonis et mercimoniis dearestandis."

15. Extract from placita coram rege apud Ebor', Trin. term 29 Edw I. rot. 24.

16. From the close roll, 42 Edw. III. m. 8. in dorso: "Cognitio abbatis de Bruerâ."

17. Order of the common council of the city of London concerning orphans, 5 Edw. VI.

18. Extract from placita, 5 Edw. III.: the Earl of Kent.

19. Charter from King Charles I. to Philip Earl of Montgomery respecting the settlement of the islands of Trinidad, Tobago, Barbudos, and Fonseca alias Saint Bernard. Incomplete.

20. Extract from placita, 11 Hen. IV. rot. 27, on a question between John Marsh and the lord mayor and sheriffs of London.

21. Extract from placita before the justices itinerant at Derby, 4 Edw. III. rot. 17.

22. Order in council respecting the commerce of the citizens of Hamburgh with England, 16th April 1630.

23. The king's letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury to summon the clergy to a convocation, 20th Feb. 15 Car. I.

24. Extract from the lords journals, die Sabbati 28th Aug. 1641.

25. Extract from the register of the see of Canterbury of a grant of 100,000*l.* by the prelates and clergy to the king in 1530; and notices of other subsidies granted in the reigns of Mary, Elizabeth, and James. Also notices of royal writs, chiefly in the reign of Charles I., concerning the powers and business of the convocation.

26. Extract from the commons journals, die Martis, 20th April 1641, relating to the case of Mr. Prynne.

27. "Orders to be taken by the court of Exchequer for London." Relates to the customs.

28. From the close roll, 18 Edw. III. m. 12: "Pro hominibus de Marshland."

29. A slight sketch of the descent of Anne (Clifford) Countess of Pembroke.

30. Grant by King John to Robert de Veteri Ponte of the county of Westmorland.

31. Extract from placita 4 Hen. fil Joh. : Rob. de Veteri Ponte and Idonea his wife against Alice Countess of Eu, respecting the castle and town of Tykenhull [Tickhill.]

32. Notes respecting a question of prisage between Sir Gervas Elwes, lieutenant of the Tower, and the city of London.

33. A few extracts from the close rolls of Hen. III. and Edw. III.

34. King Henry the First's confirmation of grants to the church of St. Mary de Belvero, and the church of St. Alban.

35. Inquisition respecting the breaking the "furgatum" of Nicholas de Stapleton at West Hadlesey in Yorkshire.

36. " Privileges and liberties granted by several charters to the mayor, constables, and society of merchants of the staple of England."

37. " Reasons for maintenance of the policion of the merchants of the staple of England, exhibited by them to the lords of his Majesty's privy council."

38. Memoranda relating to the question of prisage, and a few other notes from the rolls, which appear to be first notes, fairly transcribed in papers in the earlier parts of the volume.

LXXVIII. (LXXXIII.)

Another miscellany, like the last, of HISTORICAL AND LEGAL PAPERS.

1. Documents respecting the college or free chapel of Wolverhampton ; f. 1.

2. Numerous copies of writs and other documents relating to forests ; f. 14.

3. Bull of Pope Nicholas V. respecting the priory of Daventry, 1451 ; f. 49.

4. " Placita versus forestarios pro prosternatione domum in Heighull in com. Southampton ;" f. 51.

5. Decree in the Exchequer against Sir Robert Sandie, Bart., and others, for money due to the King from the late dissolved company of merchants trading to the Levant, Mich. term 13 James ; f. 52.

6. Charters respecting the admiralty of the port of Bristol ; f. 56.

7. Extract from placita coram rege, 5 Edw. III., on a question of common of pasture at Herefeld ; f. 60.

8. From the chartæ, 16 Edw. III. m. 4: grant to Edward Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester of certain manors, &c.; f. 65.

9. References to the patent, close, and fine rolls for matter respecting the Isle of Man, and a copy, but imperfect, of the surrender of it made by William Earl of Derby; f. 66.

10. From the patent roll, 1 Edw. III. p. 3. m. 14: "Pro priore et conventu de Lanceton;" f. 68.

11. Placita, 21 Edw. I. rot. 44. Manor of Kynfare; f. 71.

12. From the memoranda of the Exchequer, 1 Ric. III. Charge against Geffery Dormer of Thame in Oxfordshire, merchant, that he uses weights not according to the statute; f. 72.

13. An order in the court of Exchequer, 3 Ric. III., for the better receiving the sheriffs accounts; f. 77 b.

14. Extract from placita, concerning the chace of the Bishop of Winchester at Crunden; f. 80.

15. Extract from placita before the barons of the Exchequer, Hill. term 12 Edw. IV. John River, citizen and skinner of London, against Robert Cosyn, keeper of the great wardrobe; f. 101.

16. Writ from Thomas Viscount Wentworth deputy of Ireland, transmitting into the court of Chancery of England certain bills of things to be proposed in the next parliament in Ireland, 9 April 10 Charles I.; f. 102 b.

17. Notice of the farms for the town of Lyme; f. 103.

18. "A note of several heads of the green wax;" f. 103 b.

19. "The humble answeare of Frauncis Earle of Cumberland and Henri Lord Clifford, his sonne and heire apparent, to the petition and claime of Anne Countesse Dowager of Dorsett," with pedigree of Clifford annexed; f. 104.

20. Argument on the office of chamberlain of England; f. 107.

21. Letter from the king to Robert Bishop of Oxford,

that notwithstanding his surrender of the bishoprick for the purpose of its seat being removed to some other place within the said city, he exercise his jurisdiction as before. Dated 9 June, 38 Hen. VIII.; f. 108.

22. Orders of court, in King's Bench, 14 James. Signed, Hen. Hobart, Peter Warburton, H. Winch; f. 108 b.

23. "Ordinances provided in Easter term 8 James, by the right hon. Thomas Lord Ellesmere, lord chancellor of England, for the remedy of some disorders in the proceedings in causes, and some other abuses crept into his Majesty's high court of Chancery;" f. 110 b.

24. Collections relating to the duchy of Cornwall, including a copy of the accounts of Sir Peter Edgecombe and Roger Holland the feodaries there, in the reign of Henry VII.; f. 112.

25. From the register of Hugh de Welles Bishop of Lincoln respecting the church of Preston; f. 120.

26. A few slight notes from the close, fine, and parliament rolls; f. 120 b.

27. Bill and answer in the court of chancery, 21 Hen. VI.; Robert Johnson, bailiff of Scarborough, complainant, and Robert Hunmanby respondent. Respects the jurisdiction of the court; f. 122.

28. Mandamus to the bailiffs, aldermen, burgesses, and whole community of Canterbury to admit Richard Masterman to the office of mayor, to which he had been duly elected; f. 124.

29. Commission to Sir Richard Cholmeley and others, to seize the lands and goods of any subject of the King of Scotland in the county of Middlesex, 5 Hen. VIII. Like commissions were issued in respect of other counties; f. 125.

30. "Venia concessa ad Comitissam de Castlehaven;" f. 126.

31. Form of a writ respecting building in the city of London; f. 127.

32. Form of a writ for the establishment of a new office in the city of London and in other places, to be called

“ Officium registri literarum cambii et receptūs proficiū cambii;” f. 128.

33. Writ under the privy seal, 7 Hen. IV., “Pro tenentibus manerii regis de Haveringe in villā de Rumford;” f. 130.

34. Inspectimus of a charter of Queen Eleanor respecting her chapel at Havering, and of other charters respecting the church of Havering; f. 131.

35. “A collection of the subsidies, xv.eens, paid into the receipt in the time of the late Queen Elizabeth, granted to her highness by several acts of parliament;” f. 132.

36. “A particular of the Tower subsidies and eight xv.ths and x.ths of the laiety, anno 43° Reginæ Elizabethæ, paid into the receipt;” f. 132 b.

37. Several papers relating to the court of admiralty and international law; f. 133—160.

(1.) A large treatise, the subject of which is set forth in the first clause. “Causa quæ proponitur ejusmodi est: Gennenses quidam, qui tribus navibus prætoriis per mare Mediterraneum vehebantur, in navem Turcicam preciosis mercibus onustam quæ Constantinopoli veniebat incederunt, eamque aggressi pro eo jure quo in Turcas hostes suos usi semper sunt, vi expugnarunt cuperuntque: mox deinde adversis ventis et tempestatibus diu acti, cum aliter servare se suamque predam non possent, portum insulæ Cretæ, quæ sub Venetorum imperio est, subire coacti sunt, ut inde mox solvere et predam suam preferre Gennam possent. Veneti, quemadmodum cum Gennensibus ita et cum Turcis pacem et amicitiam colunt; quæsum est, an Turcæ apud Venetos prædam eam a Gennensibus repetere, et an Turcis eam judicare debeant Veneti quibuscum neutrâ gente quidquam hostile intercedit;” f. 133.

(2.) Sentence of Sir Julius Cæsar in the court of admiralty, in the case of the Santo Antonio, a Spanish vessel, March 8, 1605; f. 148 b.

(3.) Sentence in a cause between Henry de Yonge

appellant and the Count of Villa Mediana and another, 1613; f. 150 b.

(4.) Sentence of Sir Henry Martin, in the court of admiralty, respecting a Portuguese ship laden with ivory in the port of Ilfracombe, and other things respecting it, 1624; f. 152.

(5.) Sentence in a question between the ambassador of the King of Spain and Mark Dyas, Francis Mastion, Simon Pas, and others, 1626; f. 156 b.

(6.) Warrant of George Duke of Buckingham in a case of piracy; f. 158.

38. Presentation of the charge of libel against Nicholas Jeffe of the parish of Stepney, Gentleman, in the form of a petition to the King complaining of Sir Edward Coke in the matter of the Magdalene College case; f. 161.

39. Extract from pleas of assize at Launceston, 8 James; Bevill and Lynam; f. 167.

40. Extract from placita in Curiâ Regis, 18 Edw. II. rot. 28. Bailiff and mayor of Winchester; f. 168 b.

41. Extract from placita, 3 Edw. II., at Geresey; f. 169 b.

42. Extract from placita coram rege apud Lenne Episcopi, 6 Edw. III. rot. 28.; f. 171 b.

43. From close roll, 21 Edw. I. m. 8. dorso; Scotland; f. 173.

44. Writ de ventre inspiciendo in respect of Frances Countess of Sussex, who alledged that she was pregnant, to the disherison of Sir Edward Radcliffe, 23 Sep. 22 James; f. 173.

45. Writ relating to forests in the county of Rutland; f. 173 b.

46. Form of a writ: the King to the commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; f. 175.

47. Documents respecting the castle of Colchester; f. 176—177 b.

(1.) Grant of it, inter alia, to Robert Earl of Oxford for term of life, 8 Ric. II.

(2.) *Inspximus and confirmation of a grant of the office of constable to Robert Teye by Richard II.; and of an indenture respecting a certain mill, 1 Hen. IV.; f. 176 b.*

(3.) *Grant to Sir John Haward of the custody of the castle, 1 Edw. IV.; f. 177 b.*

48. *A few notes from the rolls respecting the city of London; f. 178.*

49. *Extract from the accounts of Thurstan Allen, bailiff of the High Peak, 9 Hen. VII.; f. 179.*

50. *Reference to the homage of George Earl of Shrewsbury, 1 Hen. VII.; f. 180.*

51. *Question on respite of homage in respect of Magdalene Coll. Cambridge; f. 180 b.*

52. *Very brief references to various close rolls for matters relating to commerce; f. 181.*

53. *Copy of a writ from the patent roll, 15 Edw. II. m. 23. p. 1., addressed to Henry de Cant: that whereas the King has commanded him to collect all records relating to the duchy of Aquitaine, as well those in the treasury as in the wardrobe, to make calendars to them, to place them in proper repositories, and to cause some of them to be transcribed; he now enjoins him to do the same in respect of those pertaining to Ireland, to Wales, and to Scotland; f. 181 b.*

54. *Reference to the patent roll, 4 Edw. III. m. 11., that the cryer of the King's Bench was then removed for extortion; f. 181 (2.)*

55. *"Precedents concerning the lands of Babington's heir," f. 181 b. (2.)*

56. *Reference to various close rolls for matters relating chiefly to imprisonment; f. 185 b.*

57. *Reference to the same, with several documents transcribed at length, for matter relating to the mint and gold and silver bullion; f. 186 b.*

58. *Numerous references to the patent and other rolls for matter relating to commissions of array, military and naval commissions, and other military affairs; f. 198.*

59. Names of justiciars and justices, 6 Edw. I., from the close roll of that year; f. 210.
60. Notice of a case of default in the collection of the customs, Trin. term 1 Edw. IV.; f. 211.
61. References to the rolls for cases of naturalization; f. 211 b.
62. References respecting rumours and the spreaders of them; f. 212 b.
63. References on various subjects; f. 213.
64. "Perambulatio, 29 Edw. I." Names of forests and the haies in them; f. 216.
65. Extracts from the rolls, or references to them, respecting the court of marshalsey; f. 216 b.
66. Facts and arguments in the case of the barony of Abergavenny; f. 220.
67. Notes respecting the case, Sir Arthur Capel against Sir Edward Coke; f. 224.
68. "Thomas Saundar's case." On the interpretation of his will; the opinion of several eminent lawyers; f. 226.
69. A few memoranda relating to the Cinque Ports; f. 228.
70. On assarts in the forests; f. 229 b.
71. "Reasons against habeas corpus, prohibitions, and actions of false imprisonment, brought against the prince's jurisdiction of the Stannery, and a manifestation of the limits of the jurisdiction;" f. 231.
72. "Compositio inter collegium de Merton Oxon. et vicarium de Maldon in com. Surr.;" f. 237.
73. Case of Vause's will, before the master of the rolls; f. 238.
74. Two other cases, Fishe and Seaman, 4 Charles, and Cooke and Tolsey; f. 239.
75. A treatise on the terms; f. 241.
76. "That the court of chancery cannot be intended within the statute 27 Edw. I. cap. 1.;" f. 272.
77. "The case between George Talbot Earl of Shrewsbury and Sir Richard Lumlie Viscount Lumley of Water-

ford, upon a reference to the Earl of Arundel, earl marshal of England, and other commissioners;" f. 295. See XIII. 48.

78. "The case of the searcher of London;" f. 301.
79. Notice of an information de quo warranto respecting the manor of Stokenham; f. 302.
80. Orders for passing composition goods in the custom house, &c., 1634; f. 302 b.
81. "Orders to be observed by the merchant strangers;" f. 303.
82. Pedigree, extracts from the rolls, and argument in the case of the barony of Grey of Ruthyn; f. 304 b.

LXXIX. (LXXXIV.)

A volume of SELDEN's, in his own hand, consisting for the most part of notes from the REGISTERS of the ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY; viz. PECKHAM, f. 5; WINCHELSEY, f. 10; ISLIP, f. 15; LANGHAM, f. 22; REYNOLDS, f. 32; WITLESEY, f. 56; SUDBURY, f. 65; COURTNAY, f. 70; ARUNDELL, f. 76; CHICHELEY, f. 81; STAFFORD, f. 85; KEMP, f. 88 b.; BOURCHIER, f. 90; MORTON, f. 91; CRANMER, f. 107 b. A leaf of the notes from Arundell's register is now f. 86; and at f. 1 and f. 106 may be found notes from all the various registers. Interspersed in this volume are —

1. "Ex registro bullarum in custodiâ camerariorum in thesauro Westmonasterii;" f. 25.
2. Extracts from the liber Landavensis; f. 63.
3. "Rotulus cartarum in archivis ecclesiæ Paulinæ;" f. 93.
4. "Ex registro prioratûs S. Joh. Jerusalem, penes Tho. Penruddock, Mil., fact. 1442, temp. Roberti Botiller prioris;" f. 95.
5. "Nomina magistrorum quondam Templi in Angliâ;" f. 99 b.

6. " Nomina magnorum magistrorum quondam Templi Salomonis ;" f. 99 b.
7. " Nomina magistrorum hospitalis Jerusalem ;" f. 100.
8. " Nomina priorum hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Angliâ ;" f. 101.
9. Extract from a chronicle in the library of the Earl of Arundel, concerning the royal touch ; f. 103.
10. " Ex registro Haymonis Roffens' ecclesiæ ;" f. 104.

LXXX. (LXXXV.)

" **MODUS TENENDI PARLIAMENTUM** apud An-glos ; composed by **HENRY ELSINGE**, Esquire, clarke of the parliament. Divided into eight chapters."

This fills about one half the volume ; the remaining contents are transcripts from the rolls of parliament.

LXXXI. (LXXXVI.)

Another volume of **SELDEN**'s, and in the hand-writing of that distinguished antiquary. The book is divided into two nearly equal portions.

In the *first* we have a large collection of notices from the placita in parlamento and the petitiones in parlamento, beginning with 18 Edw. I. These are sometimes extracts, but often no more than abstracts or references. He appears to have been intent on discovering matter of historical value, and especially what was connected with his own peculiar subjects of inquiry. They extend to the 27 Hen. VI.*

* Notes such as these, like those made for Sir Matthew Hale, are of less value since the publication of the rolls themselves ; but these notes of Selden cannot but be regarded as valuable when it is considered that they were made more than two centuries ago, by so competent and careful a person, and from the rolls themselves, as may be inferred from the habits of so

The *second* portion of the volume is his common-place book of record matter as an antiquarian lawyer. At first the entries are not very regularly disposed under special heads, but relate to councils, parliament, France, Scotland, entered promiscuously. It afterwards assumes a form of greater regularity, and much most valuable

exact an antiquary, and from what he says when speaking of the parliament, 4 Edw. III., Monday after the feast of St. Catherine, —that “ the treasons and felonies of Roger Mortimer are particularly reported ; a great part whereof cannot be read, for that the roll is mouldered.”

In illustration of the value of these notes, as well as to introduce some new facts respecting that very important document the barons letter to the pope, in the 29th of Edward I., it may be observed that Sir Matthew Hale’s transcripts of the parliament roll for the parliament at Lincoln in that year contains only one chapter, the statute de escaetoribus. Mr. Tonson’s copy, which was used for the printed work, contains, in addition to that statute, the proceeding relating to the death of Adam de Silkston ; and these two articles are all which the printed roll contains respecting the proceedings of the Lincoln parliament. Now Selden notices both these, and in addition to them the barons letter to the pope, dated at Lincoln on February 12, in the 29th of Edward I., so that it scarcely admits of a doubt that this letter was entered on the parliament roll of that year, and was there to be read when Selden perused that roll. Duplicates of the letter now remain in the Chapter House, (for though the letters were prepared in duplicate, as was the usual practice, and the seals of the barons affixed to them, they seem, for some reason not now known, never to have been sent,) and copies, believed to be very accurate, of both of them are printed in *Appendices to the Reports of the Lords Committees on the Dignity of the Peerage*. Selden’s copy varies in some particulars more or less important from both these, a circumstance which distinctly proves that he was not transcribing from either of them, but from some other original, which, appearing, as his transcript does, amidst his other notes from the rolls of parliament, must have been on those rolls ; where indeed such a document as this it might be expected would be found.

information may be found under most of the following heads :—

Scotland.	Escaetores.
Ireland.	Ambassadors.
Victuals for war.	Homicidæ.
Advowson of churches.	Resumptions.
Money.	Accusations of offences.
Admiralty and navy for war.	Bellum, et expeditiones belli in transmarinas partes.
Protectio regalis	Arma et apparatus belli.
Protector.	Felonia et latrones.
Usuria et Judei.	Marshal of England.
Navy and ships for traffic.	Hospitium regis et valeti sui.
Peers and noblemen.	Capellani regis.
Subsidia.—Contributions.	Scandale magnatum.
—Taxationes.	Alchymy.
Fœdera et Ligæ.	Coronatores.
The Queen.	Clericus coronæ.
Scaccarii thesaurarius.	Oratio pro rege.—Gratiarum actio pro victoriâ.
Defence of the realm.	Lex communis Angliæ.
Marriage of ladies.	Contemptus.
Dower of ladies.	Musters and soldiers.
Consilium regis.	Cancellaria.
Rex et prerogativa.	Parliamentum.
Restitutions to blood.	Tenentes in capite.
Medici regis.	Wards.
Pacis fractio: assaults and riots.	Descent of inheritance.
Recorda curiæ.	Surrender and seisin.
Utlagati.	Officiarii belli.
Fools, their lands and goods.	Castra.—Turris.
Tallagium.	Forgeria.
Quinque Portus.	Extortion and bribery.
Milites.	Duellum.
Debitores regis.	

The volume contains also a few extracts from the register of Dunstable; and a long passage from Alex-

ander de Hales is bound up in the midst of the common-place book.

LXXXII. (LXXXVII.)

A chartulary of the abbey of BATTLE in Sussex, on vellum, and in its original wood covers. It is a small folio, consisting at present of ninety-eight leaves, but when paged by some person in the seventeenth century the number of leaves was 102. The leaves now wanting are those numbered 18, 39, 40, and 63. A table of the contents is prefixed.

1. Charters of English kings, from William, the founder, to Henry III.
2. Privileges granted by various popes, from Pope Alexander III. to Gregory IX.
3. Charters of archbishops.
4. Charters of the bishops of Chichester.
5. “ *De placitis in episcopatu Cicestrensi.*”
6. “ *Episcopatus Northwicensis.*”
7. Charters relating to churches belonging to the house.
8. Charters relating to the estates of the house.

This chartulary contains also what does not properly fall under any of the above heads,—various matter from the quo warranto roll; the placita, &c., respecting the rights of the abbey; and a copy of the bull of Pope Boniface VIII., addressed to King Edward I., concerning the persons sent to negotiate a peace between England and France.*

* This bull has been printed in the *Fœdera*, vol. ii. p. 817. The contemporary copy in this chartulary agrees in the main with the printed copy; the most remarkable variations being, that in the 8th clause for “ *Angliae*” we have “ *Francorum*,” which is manifestly the true reading; the date in the copy in the chartulary is xi. kal. Maii, not Martii.

The greater part of the contents of this chartulary were written in the reign of Henry III.

LXXXIII. (LXXXVIII.)

A vellum manuscript in small folio, of the reign of King Edward III., in its original wood covers, containing various distinct treatises.

1. Eight leaves, which appear to be portions of one of the books used by the persons who in the middle ages practised on the public credulity by pretending to predict future events. The questions to which resolutions were to be given were such as these: Whether it would be good to marry? Whether a sick man should recover? Whether a captive should escape? Whether a lost thing may be found? &c.*

2. A CHRONICLE OF ENGLAND, written in French, in double columns, and on sixty-eight leaves. It is divided into chapters, of which the first is thus entitled: "Coment Bruit p'mes feust engend', et coment il occist sa mere et puis son pierre, et coment il vient p'mes en Engletere et la conquist des geauntz." *En la noble cite or g'nt Troye y ont*, &c. The same hand continues to chapter c.xxx.iii.: "Coment Estephē filz del soer le Roi Henri fust fait roy Dngletere," when five leaves in a more recent hand occur, to supply as it seems the loss of five leaves of the original. After these it proceeds in the original hand to the end, which is chapter c.lli^{xx}iii., in which are related transactions of the king and the Spencers, with the beheading of the Bishop of Exeter in the street of Cheap in London. This was in 1326.

3. A treatise "DE ARTE PHISONOMANDI," written on eight leaves in double columns:—*Natura occulte operatur in hiis. Hoc verbum intitulatur ab autore sex principiorum*,

* Books of this class are not to be confounded with the writings of the astrologers, and are a rare species of manuscripts.

&c. The concluding words,—*multa promittentem et pauca largientem.*

4. “ EPISTOLA ARISTOTELIS Alexandro Magno de observatione humani corporis directa, quam Johannes Hispanensis inventam T. Hispanensi reginæ transmisit,” on three leaves in double columns.

5. “ SECRETUM YPOCRATIS.” *Quatuor sunt venti, &c.*
One page only.

6. The “ IMAGE DE MONDE,” a long poem in French, filling seventy-two leaves, written in double columns, with the following rubrick :

“ Ci comence le liver qui est appele
Image de Monde coment il fut fait.”

After several sections, the subjects treated in which are the formation of the world and the original state of human society, occur chapters having the following titles :—

“ Ci comence des vii. philosophes.”
“ Ci comence de Platon.”
“ Ci comence de Apolonies.”
“ Ci comence de Rois Elisaundre.”
“ Ci par ordre des choses que Virgile fist.”
“ Ci parle de Seint Poul.”
“ Coment Seint Poul t'ua le philosophe.”
“ Ci comence de Seint Brandan.”

on whom the writer is diffuse. Then follow the system of the universe according to Ptolemy, and the geographical divisions of the earth; after which are sections entitled thus :—

“ De la diversete de ewe de Ynde.”
“ De diverse gens qe sunt en Ynde.”
“ De diverse bestes que sunt en Ynde.”
“ De diverse pieres qui sunt en Ynde.”
“ De diverse arbres que sunt en Ynde.”
“ De diverse pessons de Ynde.”
“ De Europe et de ses regions.”
“ De Aufrique et de ses regions.”
“ De diverses isles qui sunt par le monde.”
“ Des choses dont sen merveille.”

“ Des nouns de aucunes bestes qui sunt par le monde.”

“ Des nouns de aucuns oiseaus.”

“ Des merveilles comunes.”

“ Ici comence de Enfern quel part il et quel lieu coe est.”

The author then treats of the water and air and their phenomena, with the planets, moon, eclipses. On a blank space of the book, as originally written, is a short piece of chronology “ secundum tabulam in ecclesiâ Sancti Pauli London in anno Domini m^o.ccc^{mo}xlvi^o.”

LXXXIV. (XC.)

A paper manuscript in small folio, of the age of James I., greatly injured by damp. It contains the following ALCHEMICAL TREATISES.

1. “ Norton’s ordinal of alchamie;” f. 1.
2. “ Pater sapientiae.” *He that in this book beginneth to read, &c.;* f. 32.
3. “ The work of John Dansten.” *Not yet full sleeping nor yet full waking, &c.;* f. 35.
4. “ A brief view of philosophy, compiled in certain positions, and, as it were, aphorisms, for the private help of memory,” 1595; f. 39. Imperfect.
5. “ Cantilena Georgii Ripley de lapide philosophorum seu de phœnice.” *Lo, in this song with harmony, &c.;* f. 46.
6. “ Thomas Robinsonus de lapide philosophorum;” f. 50 b.
7. “ Practica Philippi a Rovilaico de lapide philosophico;” f. 50. (2.)
8. “ Bloomefield’s blossoms, or the camp of philosophy.” *Dear dame, of you I do require, &c.;* f. 52.
9. “ John Isaac, of antimony, translated out of the Flemish;” f. 62.
10. “ Thesaurus philosophorum;” f. 65.
11. “ Kent, his collections;” f. 72.
12. “ A discourse of antimony;” f. 107.

13. " Certain philosophical rules touching the philosopher's stone;" f. 117.
14. " Collectanea ex Johanne Sauino monacho ;" f. 133.
15. " The camphire work;" f. 135.

LXXXV. (XCI.)

A manuscript of the fourteenth century, beautifully written on vellum, in two columns, and with illuminated letters, being the history of the Old and New Testament by PETRUS MANDUCATOR, by whom it is inscribed to William Archbishop of Sens. The history is continued a little beyond the close of the Acts of the Apostles, to introduce an account of the deaths of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and of the places of the interment of the apostles and of some other early christians of note.

The book formerly belonged to the abbey of Lanthonby, near Gloucester.

LXXXVI. (XCII.)

A vellum manuscript in the half folio form ; imperfect, and described in the printed catalogue " An old register and common pleas."

It consists of two distinct portions.

1. Points of law collected out of the placita or year books of the reign of Edward II., year by year, by a hand nearly contemporary.

2. A treatise on various operations in law,—as " Proces en plee de terre, Chaleng' des esson," &c. of which there is a table in the middle of the book.

LXXXVII. (XCIII.)

A large quarto, beautifully written on vellum, containing the works of ISIDORE.

It commences with " Epistola Ysidori ad Braulionem episcopum."

This book was formerly in the library of “John Thynne.”

LXXXVIII. (XCIV.)

A folio manuscript on paper, written near the close of the fifteenth century, with the following title : “Opus transmarinæ peregrinationis ad venerandum et gloriosum sepulchrum Dominicum in Jerusolem, ejus tum laudes tum fructus paucis attollens.”

The traveller was BERNARD DE BREYDENBACH, who set out from Oppenheim in 1483. His travels were printed at Mentz in 1486, and again in 1490, and a French translation at Lyons in 1489.

LXXXIX. (XCV.)

A vellum manuscript, in very small folio, of the fourteenth century, containing a great variety of LAW WRITINGS put together without much order, though some of them appear to contain matter of value. The following are the principal of them.

1. The ceremonies at the coronation and consecration of kings and queens of England. *Die quo novus rex est consecrandus erunt presentes in pallatio quatuor magnates, &c.* This, on account of its early date and ample details, is a peculiarly valuable part of the volume.
2. A short treatise on tenancies in chief. *Dominus rex habet custodiam omnium terrarum eorum qui de ipso tenent, &c.* There are two copies of this treatise.
3. A registrum brevium.
4. A treatise beginning—*Si home counte v's plusurs pcens', &c.*
5. The treatise commonly called *Fet assaver*.
6. A treatise beginning—*Notandū q'd quinque sunt esson', &c.*
7. The statutes De conjunctis feoffamentis, De monetā, and De vasto.

8. The novæ ordinationes.

9. Assisa panis et cervisiae.

As for the rest, the manuscript contains various writs and selections from the placita, some as late as the reign of Richard II., together with notices of transactions in a parliament held at Westminster in the quinzaine of Pasque in 5 Edw. III., of which there is no notice in the printed rolls.

Two leaves of an early treatise on the clerical character and duties have been used in the binding.

XC. (XCVI.)

A small folio on paper, in a hand of the reign of James I., containing the SUMMONSES TO PARLIAMENT from 1 Ric. II. to 2 Edw. IV., and also those of 22 Edw. IV.

Several things would be found in this volume which are not in Dugdale's printed summonses, as writs to sheriffs and other officers, and the names of the bishops and abbots who were summoned. The number of the membrane of the roll may sometimes be found in this manuscript when wanting in Dugdale.

Among the blank leaves near the end of the volume is a slight sketch of the descendants of Richard Earl of Arundel.

XCI. (XCVII.)

A thin folio containing a kind of abstract of the contents of the RECORD rooms at the TOWER.

1. "Statutes made during the reigns of King Henry III., King Edward I., and King Edward II., whereof there be records in the Tower."

2. "Statutes reported to be made during the reigns of King [Henry] III., King Edward I., and King Edward II., whereof there be no records to be found in the Tower nor elsewhere."

3. A note of brevia parlamenti preserved at the Tower, by Mosse, apparently a clerk, in 1623.

4. A note by the same person of others "found since 13 Martii 1623."

5. "A table of the several kinds of rolls at the Tower arranged according to the years of each king's reign, from the 1st of King John to the 22d of Edward IV." This is the table which is printed at the end of the work entitled *The repertory of records*. 4to, 1651.

6. Tables of parliamentary records, as statutes, petitions, summonses, with notices of the chartæ antiquæ.

XCII. (XCIX.)

A folio bound in parchment, with a flap, being the original "REGISTRUM M^ri Willielmi GONSON Armigeri, vice-admiralli et commissarii admiraltatis in com' Norff" et Suff", de compt' apud Lennam, anno 1536."

The contents of this register are as follow:

1. Receipt given to John Hayles for seven marks received from him for a mast which was found at Hasebrowghe.

2. Verdict of an inquest held at Linn Episcopi, 30 Sep. 1536, summoned to inquire into the state of the harbour of Linn and the smaller harbours on the neighbouring coast, the practices of the fishermen, the rights claimed by divers persons, and certain alleged infringements on the rights of the crown.

3. A second and a third verdict on the same subject, delivered on the same day, but by different juries.

4. "Here beginneth the statute of hearyng [herrings], made at Westminster the xxxi yere of Kynge Edward the Thyrde."

5. "Here begynneth the ordynance made of hearyng, in the xxxv. yere of Kynge Edward the Thyrde."

6. "Here begynneth the ordynaunce of fysshe, made the same xxxith yere of Kynge Edward the Thyrde."

7. Two writs in 30 Hen. VIII., addressed probably to Gonson, announcing that he is put in commission with

the Earl of Southampton, the high admiral of England, and other the judges and officers under him of the admiralty, for the trial of certain pirates lately apprehended on the coast of Norfolk, and also for the better ascertaining the rights of the admiralty jurisdiction in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

XCIII. (C.)

A miscellaneous volume of HISTORICAL and ANTIQUARIAN COLLECTIONS, made in the reign of Elizabeth, in the manner of Leland's Collectanea.

1. Collections respecting the Baynards and Fitz Walters, owners of Castle Baynard in London.
2. Pedigree of the Lovels, deduced from Herfastus, brother of Gunnora wife of Richard Duke of Normandy.
3. Slight pedigree of other descendants of Herfastus.
4. Early generations of the family of Bacon, from the collections of Talbot of Sallesbury.
5. Two charters of Isabel Countess of Gloucester and Essex, which appear to have been in the hands of Dr. John Dee.*
6. A charter of Henry de Bohun Earl of Hereford to the king, relinquishing all claims which he would have in right of his wife to the things named in a charter of King Henry II. made to Roger Earl of Hereford. Imperfect.
7. Six charters, "ex Joannis Fitz Rowland recuperatis anno 1574." County of Essex.

* One of them is to Saer de Quincy Earl of Winchester, granting to him Ermington and Orewell, to hold as his predecessors had been accustomed to hold them of her ancestors; the other, a confirmation of the said grant, dated at London, May 8, 1216, "et anno primo post mortem Comitis Galfridi de Maundevill viri mei;" which lands had been held by Saer his grandfather and Robert his father. The witnesses are Richard de Clare Earl of Hertford, Will. de Mandevile Earl of Essex, Robert de Veer Earl of Oxford, Robert Fitz Walter, and others.

- 8. Slight pedigree of Fitz Walter and their connections.
- ✓ 9. Pedigree of the Earls of Leicester.
- 10. Brief notes of a few early Saviles.
- 11. "Ex registro S. Martini Magni London."
- 12. Pedigree of the Earls of Bologne.
- 13. Notes concerning Loking in Berks.
- 14. Notes from the will of Edward Duke of Buckingham, dated May 25, 1513.
- 15. Catalogue of Saxon kings from Eldred to Harold, with a few historical notices.
- 16. Notices of several persons, chiefly of the diocese of York, from a chartulary of some religious house which is not named.
- 17. A few notes "out of the register of Markyat."
- 18. Extracts from a chronicle of the house of Saint Trinity of London, written by Thomas de Axebrigge in 1412.
- 19. Other notes out of the register of Markyate Abbey.
- 20. Notes of the Saxon kings from Asser.
- 21. Notes from the chronicle of Battel Abbey.
- 22. Notice of a patent writ, of 33 Edw. I., respecting the marriage of the heir of Richard Earl of Arundel.
- 23. Further notices of the Saxon kings. The name of the manuscript from whence they are taken has been cut off in the binding.
- 24. Descendants of Charles King of France and Isabel, daughter of Stephen Duke of Baviere, his wife.
- 25. Epitaph on Thomas Kemp Bishop of London.
- 26. Notes from "Historia Dudonis decani Sancti Quintini de ducibus Normanniae."
- 27. "Nomina episcoporum Cicestræ," from Wilfrid to John Christopherson. There are a few notes also of benefactors to the church.
- 28. "Out of the leger boke of the charters and grants of Malmesbury Abbey."
- 29. Many brief notes from the chronicle of John of

London, between the years 618 and 1189. It is added that the chronicle ends in 1322.

30. Notes respecting the death of Queen Edith from the chronicle of Marianus.

31. Extracts from the *Chronicon Neubrigiense*.

32. Very brief notices from several chronicles; viz. *Manipulus chronicorum*, by Ralf Marham of Cambridge, which ends in 1339; *Curia historia* [q. *historica?*] of John of York; Walsingham's, John Pike's, Gul. Gemiticensis, Capgrave's.

33. Catalogue of the bishops of London, from Robert the Norman to Edwin Sands.

34. Catalogue of the bishops of Lichfield, from Peter, who died in 1086, to Thomas Bentham.

35. Notices from some chartulary or chronicle not named, including an account of a dispute between the monks and citizens of Canterbury in 1327.

36. Further extracts from Capgrave, a chronicle called *Liber Regius*, and from William of Jumieges.

37. A few notices of the bishops of Lichfield and Coventry.

38. Slight pedigree of Nevil.

39. Slight pedigree of some early kings of France, from William of Jumieges.

40. Slight pedigree of the descendants of Henry son of David King of Scotland.

41. Further notes from a chronicle of which the author is not named.

42. Slight pedigree of the earls of Anjou.

43. Further notes from the same chronicle.

44. " *Ex registro abbathiæ de Tutbury.*" A register of Tutbury, probably the same as that now in the library of the College of Arms.

45. " *Ex chartis fundationis abbathiæ de Egnesham.*"

46. Notes from the chronicle of Sigebertus Gemblacensis, 1169—1203. This chronicle is in print.

47. Slight pedigree of the kings of Scotland, from Robert III. to James IV.

48. "Ex chronicō novi monasterii Wintoniæ quod modo Hida nuncupatur."

49. "De bello inter Guidonem de Warwic et Colbrandum."

50. Notices of the Danish invasion in the time of Athelstan.

51. "Ex chronicā Normannorum ducum, Gallice scriptā."

52. "Notes out of the book of Battel Abbey in Sussex."

53. "De Thomā Cantuar' archiepiscopo et martyre." *Apposito ad patres suos in senectute bonā Theobaldo Cant' archiepiscopo, &c.*

54. Transcript of a fragment of a chronicle of Normandy, beginning with the thirty-eighth chapter of the sixth book: *Regressus igitur illustris Rex Willielmus, &c.* It is continued to the thirty-second chapter of the seventh book.

XCIV. (CI.)

A folio on paper, being a treatise on GEOMETRY and TRIGONOMETRY in the Dutch language. A few notes on chronology in English are entered on the fly-leaves at the beginning.

XCV. (CII.)

Another volume of the same kind.

XCVI. (CIII.)

A thin folio, unbound, containing a treatise to which the following title is prefixed: "A practical DEFENCE OF HONOUR, or the baron's bill to barons, by way of a particular information to the Exchequer chamber, preferred in Michelmas tearme an^o Domini 1630, with the annexed two-fold abstract; the one for the right statinge of the cause, and the other for the understandinge of

here-recited grounds of common and statut lawe, discoveringe the inestimable benefitt which is obtayned by the tenure of lands in chiefe, and by knight service and by barony, in the behalfe of an honourable familie now by that meanes to be preserved from imminent ruyn ; with the proper and perfect expositions of the several statuts of 13 Edw. I. cap. 1, 27 Hen. VIII. cap. 10, 32 Hen. VIII. cap. 31, 4 Hen. VII. cap. 24, 15 Edw. II., 18 Edw. I., 34 Hen. VIII. cap. 20, 17 Edw. II. cap. 6, 11 Hen. VII. cap. 18, 1 Edw. III. cap. 12, 9 Hen. III. cap. 2, 17 Edw. II. cap. 3, 14 Edw. III. cap. 13 ; and with ninety severall positions of common and statut lawe, declaringe and mainetayninge the dignitie of nobilitie and the perpetuitie of their inheritances, and of the entailed inheritances of all ancient gentrie, against the publique opposition of most scandalous and dangerous errors and pestilent imposture with which the saide honourable familie, and all other inheritances wantinge the like shelter and protection of lawe, may be indangered."

The family here intended is that of Scrope, and the author of the tract is John Cusacke, gentleman, who laid an information in the Exchequer for his Majesty's demand of relief and primer seisin from " Katherine Evers Lady Scrope, widow, as heir apparent to Emanuel Lord Scrope, late Earl of Sunderland and Baron of Bolton and Masham, deceased." The Earl of Sunderland was then lately dead without legitimate issue.

XCVII. (CIV.)

A thin folio, containing " The title of the LADY ANNE CLIFFORD, sole daughter and heir generall of the late right honourable GEORGE EARL OF

CUMBERLAND, Lord Clifford, Westmorland, and Vescy, to the style and title of the said three baronies."

This differs from "the case of the barony of Clifford" inserted in Collins' *Claim to Baronies*, being much more full in precedents and collections of Clifford evidences.

XCVIII. (CV.)

A quarto manuscript on paper, written in Italy, entitled, "ERASMUS HORICIUS de MOTIBUS PLANETARUM in longitudine, ac de PLANETARUM PASSIONIBUS."

XCIX. (CVI.)

A small quarto, entitled "TRACTATUS CHYMICUS." Apparently the author's autograph.

C. (CVII.)

A large paper manuscript in quarto, containing two MATHEMATICAL TREATISES, which are inscribed by their author, MARCUS BENEVENTANUS, monachus Celestinæ congregationis, to an English doctor in theology, of whose name we have no more than Gulielmus, at whose suggestion they were written. The subjects treated of are proportion and proportionality; the doctrine of triangles; trigonometrical admeasurement; the sphere.

It is an Italian manuscript, but bound in England; and the binding shows what destruction of books and manuscripts must have taken place to supply the material to which the pasteboard of the present day has succeeded, of which the backs of books were made when wood ceased to be used. The lamina have here been explored by bibliographical curiosity, but it does not appear that in this instance there was any thing to reward it.

CI. (CVIII.)

A thin folio, without covers, containing short notes and references respecting the payment of FIRST FRUITS and other business of the First Fruits Office, from 1 Elizab. to 22 Car.

CII. (CIX.)

A folio, written in the reign of Charles I., containing various matters relating to WALES.

1. Certain depositions given by Welshmen who were under examination touching the antient laws and customs of their country. The earlier portions of this document are lost.
2. "Adhuc de aprisâ et certificatione captis apud Lampadernawr."
3. "Rotulus Walliæ de anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici sexto; Wall' de annis sexto, septimo, octavo, et nono; et etiam Wall' de aprisâ; lex Wall'."
4. "Hic incipit rotulus de placitis Wall' tempore Regis H. tertii; extractus de placitis diversorum justiciariorum tam de placitis domini regis quam aliis."

CIII. (CX.)

A folio manuscript in paper, being "Præcepta JOANNIS REGIOMONTANI, clarissimi mathematici, de directionibus et progressionibus, variis exemplis illustrata, atque *εἰς τὴν περιέξονταν* sive supputandi formulam reducta;" with various calculations adapted to the meridian of Oxford. A manuscript of the 16th century.

CIV. (CXIV.)

A quarto manuscript, bound in dark coloured leather, with a flap, containing various pieces of HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF DURHAM, written in the 15th century. It is partly vellum and partly

paper. The vellum leaves are in number 157, though the paging shows only 156, there being two leaves both numbered 75. The paper leaves are 63, including many which are blank. They are at the beginning and the end of the volume.

1. The principal treatise is entitled “ *Libellus de exordio et statu ecclesiae cath. quondam Lindisfarn', post Conchestren', demum Dunelm', ac de gestis pontificum ejusdem.* ” *Gloriosi quondam regis Northambrorum et preciosi martyris Oswaldi, &c.* But though it begins with this verbal coincidence with the copy of Simeon published by Twisden, and proceeds for several lines in precisely the same words, yet it afterwards becomes different, and through the whole there is sometimes an exact agreement, sometimes matter which is wanting in the printed Simeon, and sometimes the matter of Simeon's narrative delivered in other words. The writer quotes Wil. of Malmesbury, John of York, Henry of Huntingdon, and Hoveden. The narrative is brought down to the middle of the reign of Richard I. It appears to correspond nearly with the Cottonian manuscript, Claud. D. iv.

2. Various charters pertaining to the church of Durham.

3. A poem, consisting of about 900 lines, of which the beginning is,—

BEDA satis notus doctor describere motus
Cuthberti vitam per plurima mira politam
Metro perscripsit, in prosam postea lixit, &c.

and ends—

Terras Cuthberti qui non spoliare verentur
Esse queunt certi quod morte malâ morientur.

4. A history of Saint Cuthbert:—*In nomine Dei Summi de Sancto Cuthberto, &c.* There is in this the same kind of conformity and yet diversity which we noticed in the first treatise with the *Historia de Sancto Cuthberto*, printed by Twisden, col. 67, &c., and it contains several things which are not in Twisden.

5. “ *Nobilia de vitâ ac miraculis Sancti Oswaldi Regis.* ” *Oswaldus noster floret, &c.*

6. " *Libellus de ortu Sancti Cuthberti.*"

7. Extracts from *Durham* charters.

On the fly-leaves at the beginning are two catalogues of the bishops of Lindisfarn and Durham, from Aidan to Wolsey, with a few memoranda concerning some of the early bishops, in a hand of the reign of Henry VIII.

Sir Matthew Hale has shown how he became possessed of this valuable manuscript:—" 4 Ap. 1657, bought of Mr. Washington for 30s." A former possessor was " Jo. Barnes."

CV. (CXV.)

A folio manuscript, containing,

1. A transcript of *DOMESDAY* Book for *GLOUCESTERSHIRE*.
2. A transcript of a kind of abstract of *Domesday* Book for Gloucestershire.
3. A transcript of a similar abstract or abridgment of *Domesday* Book for Herefordshire.
4. Extracts from the accounts of the customs, in various years of the reign of Edward IV., 1 Edw. V., and 1 Ric. III.

CVI. (CXVI.)

A manuscript of the 15th century, containing *Assise*, 20—31 Edw. III., and also on vellum of a smaller size, *Assise* 1 and 2 Edw. III.

At the end are a few law collections on paper under the heads,

Acceptance.	Bastardie.
Agreement.	Cessavit.
Apportionment.	Charge.
Arrerages.	Clame.
Avowrie.	Conditions.
Authory.	

CVII. (CXVII.)

A volume of extracts from the rolls at the Tower, chiefly relating to **ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS**.

1. Close, 14—17 John; 11—34 Edw. I.; 10 and 15 Ric. II.
2. Patent, 15, 16, and 18 John, 11—35 Edw. I.
3. Chartæ, 16 Joh., 20 and 33 Edw. I.
4. Brevia Regis, 12 Edw. I.
5. Scotiæ, 20, 24, 25, and 26 Edw. I.
6. Alemanniæ, 22—31 Edw. I.
7. Fines, 30 Edw. I.
8. Romæ, 34 Edw. I.

These form more than half the volume. Afterwards there are,

9. “Recorda et memoranda de hiis quæ fiebant in parliamento summonito apud Westm. die Lunæ proximo post festum S. Katerinæ anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii a conquestu quarto, liberata in cancellariâ per Henricum de Edenestowe, clericum parliamenti.”

10. Account of proceedings in the parliament of 5, 6, 13, 14, and 45 Edw. III., with extracts from the close rolls of the summonses to these parliaments.

CVIII. (CXVIII.)

Similar extracts from the rolls at the Tower during the whole reign of Edward II.

CIX. (CXIX.)

Similar extracts, 1—26 Edw. III., but especially from the **ROTULI ROMÆ**.

In this volume are also extracts from the rolls of parliament, 25 Edw. III.—18 Hen. VI., and two writs from the patent roll and two from the close roll of 2 Ric. II.

CX. (CXX.)

“ This book conteyneth records touching the king's prerogative in **MYNES** and **EXCHANGE** and

COINAGE OF MONEY ; Edw. I., II., III., IV.; Charles I."

It consists of extracts from the close, patent, fine, and liberate rolls, beginning with the reign of Henry III. and ending in 11 Edw. IV., with two extracts from the parliament rolls of 1 and 5 Hen. VI.

At the end are copies of

1. A grant from the king to Henry Earl of Holland of "the office of all our changes and exchanges, as well wheresoever our coinage or mints now are or hereafter shall or may be kept or established, or elsewhere within our realms of England, Ireland, or Wales." Dated 12th Oct. 3 Car.

2. An indenture of the same date between the king and the earl relating to the same office.

CXIII. (CXXIII.)

A copy of the **SCRIPTURES**, beautifully written on vellum, in the fifteenth century, in the Latin version, with a brief index.

CXIV. (CXXIV.)

A quarto, written in the reign of King Charles I., containing a transcript of the dialogue "de necessariis SCACCARI observantiis," attributed to **GERVASE OF TILBURY**. "Ad amussim convenit cum antiquo exemplari. Sic scripsit GULIELMUS LAMBARDUS," from whose copy this transcript seems to have been made. A few notes concerning Gervase by Lambard are prefixed.

CXV. (CXXIV. 2.)

Another modern transcript of **THE DIALOGUE** in folio. To this copy is annexed "Articuli de Scaccario ;" the heads of which are,

"De ingressu habendo ad averia pascenda quæ imparcantur."

“ Quod nullus distringatur per averia carucæ.”

“ De essoniis non jacentibus.”

Then the dieta of the sheriffs, and extract from the memoranda of the exchequer, 12 Edw. II. Trin. term, relating to the receipt of certain fines in the county of Oxford.

After this are copious extracts from the Red Book of the exchequer.

A writ for summoning a parliament, 7 Hen. IV., imperfectly transcribed, and extracts from the placita of that parliament relating to the attainder of the Earl of Northumberland and other lords. This is more at length in the printed rolls, vol. iii. p. 604—607.

Extracts from the close rolls of 16 and 17 Edw. III.

CXVI. (CXXXV.)

A very fair manuscript of BRACTON, of the time of Edward I., in large folio on vellum. *In rege qui recte regit necessaria sunt duo, &c. . . . sive inde preceptum habuerunt sive non.*

The manuscript belonged, in the reign of Edward I., to Sir Alan de Thorne ton, of whose transactions there are some curious memoranda on the fly-leaves, and especially in relation to swans. He appears to have resided in Lincolnshire, and was probably a relation of Gilbert de Thornton, who was the king's attorney in 8 Edw. I., and chief justice of the king's bench in the 18th. (Dugd. *Chron. Series*, p. 27 and 30.) The motto, in a recent hand on the first page, *περι παντος την Ἐλευθεριαν*, seems to mark it as having once belonged to Selden.

See another copy of Bracton amongst the gifts of various benefactors, No. XI.

CXVII. (CXLI.)

A manuscript of the early part of the reign of Edward III., containing numerous REPORTS of the two preceding reigns, but especially of the

reign of Edward II., many of which are not to be found in Mr. Serjeant Maynard's publication of reports of that reign.

A more particular view of the contents may be given thus :—

1. Seven leaves of placita without date, but which appear to belong to the reign of Edward I.
2. " Hic incipiunt articuli itineris Cant."
3. " Explicuerunt veteres articuli: incipiunt novi articuli."
4. Reports " Mich. xiiii^o," which must mean 14 Edw. II., as Aymer de Valence Earl of Pembroke is in one case the plaintiff.

After this follow numerous reports, but without dates of time or place, except that at f. 48. we have the heading " Iter Lond," till at f. 56. there begins a regular series, commencing with Mich. term 1 Edw. II. and continued to the 6th of that reign. Afterwards there are reports 17—19 Edw. II., much fuller than those in the earlier part of the volume, and also in many cases much fuller than when we have the same report in Maynard's publication.

CXVIII. (CLVIII.)

A miscellaneous volume of HISTORICAL and LAW TRACTS and COLLECTIONS.

1. Slight memoranda respecting subsidies on wool, &c. granted to the kings of England.
2. " Copia causee inter dominam Swinerton quer. et Johannem Wolstenholm Mil. et alias tangen' subsid. vino- rum, anno quarto Regis Caroli."
3. " Record' inter regem et Oldisworth pro intrusione in Sutton Marsh."
4. Notes, which appear to be in Selden's handwriting, on the Antiquæ Debitæ and the Usitatæ Consuetudines of England.
5. Decree in the exchequer, Easter term, 7 Charles, concerning houses built at Wapping.

6. Decree in the exchequer, Trin. term, 11 Charles, concerning houses built at Crockerne Pill in the port of Bristol.

7. From the patent roll, 6 Joh. m. 11. No. 32. The king to Reginald de Cornhill and others, concerning merchants and their trading.

8. From the patent roll, 38 Hen. III., p. 4. m. 2., concerning the burgesses of Bourdeaux.

9. Several other transcripts from the patent, close, and fine rolls, from the reign of Henry III. to that of Edward III., relating to affairs of commerce.

10. "Ex rotulo partitionis terrarum, &c. Gilberti de Clare comitis Glouc. et Hereford inter sorores et heredes ipsius comitis, 11 Edw. II."

11. Extract from the close rolls of 18 and 19 Edw. II. relating to the partition of the estate of Aymer de Valence Earl of Pembroke.

12. Notes from placita, 6 Ric. I.—3 Hen. V., of matter illustrative of the topographical history of the county of Gloucester.

13. A large calendar of privy seals issued by the crown from the time of Henry VII. to the 3rd year of King Charles I. There is another copy of this calendar among Maynard's MSS. No. LVI.

14. Proceedings in the case of Donald Lord Reay and David Ramsay, 1631.

**CXIX. CXX. (XXXIII. XXVIII. CXII.
CXCIII.)**

Two folio volumes, consecutive, being a kind of HISTORICAL and LEGAL INDEX or COMMON-PLACE BOOK of RECORD MATTER, the heads being in alphabetical order, the first volume ending with the letter H.

Many of the articles contain much valuable antiquarian matter brought together from the patent, close, and other rolls at the Tower, the placita, the rolls of parliament, and occasionally from other originals.

CXXI. (CXCI.)

This manuscript is particularly noticed by the venerable judge in his will : “ The BLACK Book of the NEW LAW, collected by me and digested into alphabetical titles, written with my own hand, which is the original copy.” In the printed catalogue it is described as “ Judge Hales’s law common-place book, folio, written with his own hand,” and it is added, “ In archivis ad dextram intra scrinium obseratum reponitur *κειμηλιον* pretiosissimum.”

The manuscript is a large folio bound in parchment, with a loose cover of black leather. It is very fully written. The several articles are in alphabetical order, beginning with “ Abuttals,” and ending with “ Withernam.”

II.

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF MR. SERJEANT MAYNARD.

I.

A very small quarto on vellum, of the fifteenth century, containing a REGISTRUM BREVIVM.

II.

REPORTS in the EXCHEQUER, 7 and 8 James.

III.

A paper manuscript in quarto, or small folio, containing various READINGS.

1. “ *Lectureæ Fitz Herberti super statutum de Marlebridge, cap. ii.*”

2. On the statute of Westminster the first, (3 Edw. I.)
3. On the statute de mercatoribus, (13 Edw. I. cap. 3.)
4. On the statute of Gloucester, cap. 1—14. (6 Edw. I.)
5. On the first three chapters of the statute of York, (12 Edw. II.)
6. On the statute 1 Ric. III. cap. 1.

IV.

A small quarto, with notes of **CASES** in the time of Charles I. and Charles II.

V. VI.

LAW COMMON-PLACE Books.

VII.

A thick quarto, entitled “**Mr. Hide’s Abridgements.**” A table of the several heads is annexed.

VIII.

A digest of **CASES** in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

IX.

REPORTS in the King’s Bench, 7—9 Charles I., and also of Hilary term, 6 Charles, and two cases in Hilary term, 4 Charles.

X.

“**REPORTS** by Mr. Cheeke, late of Linc. Inn, counsellor, recorder of Winchester, concerning the regular and irregular Proceeding of **SHERIFFS** in their countie Courts, and of **CORONERS**, in the execution and return of all manner writs and proces to them directed.”

XI.

Collections carefully written out of records, &c. illustrative of **FOREST LAW.**

XII.

This volume consists of two nearly equal portions.

1. "PLACITA FORESTÆ Henrici comitis Lancastr' de PIKERING tenta apud Pickering coram Ric. de Wy-lughby, Rob. de Hungerford, Johanne de Hambury, justic' de itinerand' hac vice ad placita de forestâ predictâ in com. Ebor. assignat' die Lunæ prox. post festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii ab conquestu octavo." This is in substance the same document with that in Hale XLI. (XLIV.)

2. Transcripts of more than 100 charters, which are headed thus: "Requiere CARTAS sive munimenta infra-scripta inventa in CASTRO DE PONT' in comitatu Ebor' in uno cofino signato hoc signo, tan. fan." Many or all of these charters it is probable would be found in the office of the duchy of Lancaster *, where, according to the Report of 1800, are "Charters and grants of various kings under the great seal, as well as of private persons, (remaining in boxes) to the king's sons and to ecclesiastical persons, of lands within the surveys of the duchy, 1 King Stephen, 1135, to 10 Queen Elizabeth, 1558."—Report, p. 79. But, as most of these charters are very important, and some of them very little known, a concise calendar of them may be acceptable.

(1.) Rob. de Lasci to Savarius fil. Hugonis; a bovate at Kipeis.

(2.) Adam de Ranevilla to John de Lascy constable of Chester; land at Upton and Stretton.

(3.) Agreement between Stephen de Su Kirkby and Edmund de Lasci, concerning lands at Secroft and Scellebrok, 1250.

* Sandford quotes one of them, No. (48.) *Genealogical History*, p. 85, "ex instrum. in camerâ ducatûs Lancastr'." No. (50.) is quoted by Dugdale, not from the charter itself, but "ex magno registro in offic. duc. Lanc." *Baronage*, vol. ii. p. 780.

(4.) Edmund son of Robert le Botiller and Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln; Skelbroke, 1304.

(5.) Savarius de Kipeis fil. Hugonis to Roger de Laci constable of Chester; bovate in Kipeis.

(6.) Henry de Nottingham persona de Rowell; quitclaim of rights in Rothwell Hay.

(7.) Roger de Cestriâ to John Larchier; land at Horton near Bradford.

(8.) Henry Lascy Earl of Lincoln to Rob. de Dyhton; four bovates in Thorneuor.

(9.) Tho. de Bradhirst and John de Ouseflete to Henry de Lasci Earl of Lincoln; quitclaim of privileges, 27 Edw.

(10.) Henry de Lascy Earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester, respecting the foundation of the chapel of St. Mary at Saxton by Sir Roger de Saxton, 1292.

(11.) Henry de Lascy Earl of Lincoln to Rob. de Veyly; land.

(12.) Peter de Cestriâ to Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester; lands in Stavely, Netherthorpe, and Thornoure.

(13.) John de Bulmer of Skelton to Tho. Earl of Lancaster; all claim in the bailiwick of the forest of Pickering, 12 Edw. II.

(14.) Mary, who was the wife of Wil. de Everingham, to Tho. Earl of Lancaster; all right in the advowson of the chapel of John the Baptist in Warneford.

(15.) Tho. Earl of Lancaster to his beloved clerk Sir Wil. Davy; land in Newbold, 14 Edw. II.

(16.) Henry de Lacy Earl of Lincoln to Alan de Smytheton; land at Haghe, in the parish of South Kyrkeby, 30 Edw. I.

(17.) Indenture, 15 Edw. III., between Henry de Lancaster Earl of Derby and Stephen the prior of Pontefract; turbary and pasture in the park of Pontefract.

(18.) Tho. Earl of Lancaster to Ralph de Grene, 14 Edw. II.

(19.) Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln, and Leicester, and seneschal of England, to John de Hawksworth; the moiety of a ferry called Bramwith for life, 31 Edw. III.

(20.) Indenture, 21 Henry III., between Henry Earl of Lancaster and William de Bracebrigge; exchange of lands in Lancashire for the manor of Berley.

(21.) Respects the election of a prior of St. Oswald of Nostell.

(22.) Respects disputed rights between the houses of Pontefract and Bretton.

(23.) Henry Lacy Earl of Lincoln; inspeximus of a charter of Alicia de Laci, his mother, granting lands to John son of Thomas de Hipperholm.

(24.) Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln to William de Hyneham; tenement in Bramwith and Braithwaite, 32 Edw. I.

(25.) Several papal bulls and other documents respecting the priory of Pontefract.

(26.) Agreement between John de Laci Earl of Lincoln and Sir Tho. de Pouclington; lands at Fippin.

(27.) Henry de Winchester to Lady Aleys de Lacy; mill of Saxton.

(28.) Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln to Edmund Talebot; land at Bramwith, 27 Edw. I.

(29.) Roald le Botiller to Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln; land at Stapleton.

(30.) Will. de Scargill to Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln; land at Stapleton.

(31.) Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester to the monks of Rufford; land at Elmeton.

(32.) Geffery de Rat. to Sir Henry de Laci, Earl of Lincoln; third part of a knight's fee in Gitton.

(33.) Adam son of Thomas de Ranavil to Edmund de Lacy; a knight's fee in Askerne, &c.

(34.) Wil. de Boamond to Henry de Lacy Earl of Lincoln; rent from his mill at Hoderesfeud.

(35.) Edwardus Rex Angliæ, 46th year of his reign; relates to settlement on the late Queen Philippa.

(36.) John de Warren Earl of Surrey and Sussex to Tho. Earl of Lancaster; quitclaim of all right in all castles, &c. in the county of York, 12 Edw. II.

(37.) Thomas le Despenser Earl of Gloucester quitclaims to John Duke of Guyenne and Lancaster, Henry de Lancaster Duke of Hereford and Earl of Derby, and Henry, son of the said Henry, all right in all castles, &c., with slight reservations, 21 Ric. II.*

(38.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; grant to John de Gandavo, his son, of the earldom of Richmond, 3d Nov., 16th year of his reign.

(39.) Edwardus Rex; bestowing on John of Gaunt the dignity of Earl of Richmond.

(40.) Edwardus Rex; grant of infangtheof, &c. within his earldom.

(41.) John Montfort Duke of Bretagne and Earl of Montfort; earldom of Richmond, 1360.

(42.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; earldom of Richmond.

(43.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; dower in lands granted to John of Gaunt.

(44.) Indenture between Edward III. and John King of Castile and Leon his son; earldom of Richmond, 46 Edw. III.

* The existence of this grant, which cannot but be regarded as an extraordinary circumstance of the life of that unfortunate earl, appears to have been unknown to Dugdale and all other writers on the baronage of England. See *Baronage*, vol. i. p. 396.

(45.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.*; relates to lands in exchange for the earldom of Richmond, 33 Edw. III.

(46.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.* to Henry Earl of Lancaster; grant to him of the castle, &c. de Bragoriaco, made before Calais, 1st June, 21 Edw. III., on report brought of his good service in the wars of Aquitaine.

(47.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.*; grant of the same castle to John King of Castile and Leon his son, 37 Edw. III.

(48.) " *Edward aisne fils de Roi de France et Dengleterre, Prince de Aquitaine et de Gales, Duc de Cornwaille, Counte de Cestrie, Seigneur de Biscai et de Castre Dordiales,*" to John his brother; the castle of Roch sur Yon, 1370.

(49.) The same to the same; the castle of Bergerak, 1370.

(50.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.*; confirmation to Thomas Earl of Lancaster and Henry his brother of something which had descended to them from their grandmother Queen Eleanor, 12 Edward II.

(51.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.* (III.); an inspeximus of the last.

(52.) *Edwardus Rex, &c.*; grant to Henry Duke of Lancaster of a house and hospitium at Calais, 23 Oct. (primâ manu, xx.) 24 Edw. III.

(53.)—(59.) are grants to divers burgesses of Calais from John King of Castile and Leon, 1373.

(60.) Instrument of King Henry IV., dated 14 October, 1st of his reign, relating to his possessions before he became king.

(61.) Instrument of King Henry IV., dated 20 Nov. in the second of his reign, relating to certain lands affected by the erroneous judgment on Thomas Earl of Lancaster in the time of Edward II.

(62.) John King of England; grant to Wil. de Ferrars Earl of Derby of certain lands, 1st of his reign.

(63.) Inspeximus of a grant of King John to Robert Earl of Leicester, 1st of his reign.

(64.) Inspeximus of the same grant, with confirmation and extension.

(65.)—(68.) Henricus Rex, &c. to Edmund Earl of Leicester his son; grants and inspeximuses.

(69.) Edwardus Rex, &c. to the same Edmund, 13 Edw. I.

(70.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; restoration of lands surrendered by Henry Earl of Lancaster, 28 Edw. III.

(71.) (72.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; respect lands belonging to Henry Duke of Lancaster, late deceased, 35 & 36 Edw. III.

(73.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; respects a grant to Henry Earl of Lancaster in the 16th of his reign, 38 Edw. III.

(74.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; grant to John King of Castile and Leon his son, 51 Edw. III.

(75.) Edwardus Rex, &c.; grant of Laughton in Morthing, &c. to John King of Castile and Leon, the places not having been sufficiently specified in the previous grant of the castle, manors, and honour of Tickhill, 51 Edw. III.

(76.) Henricus Rex, &c. (IV.); respects lands which Patrick de Chaworth held.

(77.) Henricus Rex, &c. to Wil. de Ferrars Earl of Derby; free warren at Liverpool and other places in Lancashire, market at Bolton in that county, and at Uttoxshath in Staffordshire, 36 Hen. III.

(78.) Johannes Rex, &c. to Wil. Briwere; that Brugewalter shall be a free burgh, &c., 2 John.

(79.) Henricus Rex, &c. to Hen. de Trubleville; free warren in Esegareston, 22 Hen. III.

(80.) Henricus Rex, &c. to Patrick de Chaworth; free warren in various places, 27 Hen. III.

(81.) Edwardus Rex, &c. to Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln and Margaret his wife; free warren in certain manors in Lincolnshire, a market and fair at Sutton in Hoyland, &c., 10 Edw. I.

(82.) *Inspeimus of a charter of King Henry II. in the 22d of his reign, “ Ne quis fuget in warennâ Will. de Roumare de Bolingbrok vel aliquam bestiam capiat sine licentiâ ejusdem Willielmi.”*

(83.) *Edwardus Rex, &c. to Henry Earl of Lincoln ; market and fair at Wainflete, 33 Edw. I.*

(84.) *Edwardus Rex, &c. to John Duke of Lancaster and Blanch his wife; free warren at Chepingham Bourn, co. Berks, 41 Edw. III.*

(85.) *Edwardus Rex, &c. to Henry Duke of Lancaster; free chase in the wood of Perneholl, 28 Edw. III.*

(86.) (87.) *Edwardus Rex ; grant of fairs at Pickering and Esingwold and free warren at Melbourn, 19 Edw. I.*

(88.) *Edwardus Rex to Henry Earl of Lancaster ; market and fair at Melbourn, 2 Edw. III.*

(89.) *Edwardus Rex to Thomas Earl of Lancaster ; market and fair at Yoxhall and fair at Higham Ferrers, 28 Edw. I.*

(90.) *Ricardus Rex ; inspeimus of grants to the house of Lancaster, 1 Ric. II.*

(91.) *Inspeimus by the same king of a grant of King Edward to John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster, concerning lands in Norfolk, 18 Ric. II.*

(92.) *Edwardus Rex to Payne de Chaworth ; market and fair at Aldrington, 6 Edw. I.*

(93.) *Johannes Rex to Gerard de Kanvill ; market at Sutton in Hoyland, 3 John.*

(94.) *Edwardus Rex to Edmund his brother ; fair at Pickering and Esingwold and free warren at Melbourn, 19 Edw. I.*

(95.) *Edwardus Rex to Thomas Earl of Lancaster ; market and fair at Wirksworth and free warren at Staunford, 34 Edw. I.*

(96.) *Henricus Rex to Edmund his son ; free chase and free warren in lands pertaining to his castle of Kenilworth, 51 Hen. III.*

(97.) Henricus Rex to "our cousin Will. Laungespere;" market and fair at Pole, 23 Hen. III.

(98.) Henricus Rex to the same; free warren in his lands in the counties of Nottingham and Lincoln, market and fair at Sutton in Hoyland, market at Lutton, fair at Swaneton, 27 Hen. III.

(99.) Edwardus Rex to Henry de Laci Earl of Lincoln; free warren, markets, and fairs at places in Cheshire, 10 Edw. I.

(100.) Edwardus Rex (III.); inspeximus of the grants made by his great grandfather King Henry to his son of the castles, &c. which had belonged to Rob. de Ferrers Earl of Derby and Simon de Montfort Earl of Leicester, dated at Kenilworth, 12th July, 50th of his reign.

(101.) Edwardus Rex; quitclaim of all process against Henry de Lancaster for the death of Piers Gaveston, 6 Oct. 7 Edw. II.*

(102.) Another inspeximus of the grant to Edmund son of King Henry III. of the lands, &c. of the Earl of Derby and Leicester.

(103.) Ricardus Rex; respects money due to John King of Castile and Leon for military service, 5 Ric. II.

(104.) Edwardus Rex to certain persons, that they deliver over certain manors, &c. to William Earl of Henhaud and of Leicester and Maud his wife, daughter and one of the heirs of Henry late Duke of Lancaster, 35 Edw. III.

(105.) Edwardus Rex to John Duke of Lancaster and Blanch his wife, 40 Edw. III.

(106.) Ricardus Rex; inspeximus of a charter of his grandfather Edward to John King of Castile and Leon respecting the earldom of Richmond and lands in exchange; and of another respecting Laughton.

(107.) Inspeximus by the same king of a charter of Edward I. to Henri de Laci Earl of Lincoln, in the

* In the *Fædera*, vol. ii. p. 230.

22d of his reign, respecting the manor of Kyrton in Dorset, and of Snayth.

(108.) Inspeximus by the same king of various charters of his grandfather King Edward to John King of Castile and Leon; as of the castle, lands, and lordship of Liddell, as well in England as in Scotland, which Blanch who was the wife of Tho. Wake held, 31 Edw. III.; of the castle of Hertford, &c., 50 Edw. III.; of the castle of Bregerak, 50 Edw. III.; of reward for military service, 51 Edw. III.

(109.) Inspeximus by Henry III. of a charter of King John his father to Rob. Earl of Leicester, in the 1st of his reign.

(110.) Ricardus Rex; remitting all claims, actions, &c. to his uncle John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster and Henry Duke of Hereford his son, dated at Westminster, 20th February, in the 21st year of his reign.

All these charters appear to be copied with a remarkable degree of exactness, but there is no description of the seals appended to them. The seal of Edward the Black Prince, engraved by Sandford (*Genealogical History*, p. 125.) is from No. (48.)

XIII.

AN ABBREVIATIO PLACITORUM for the reign of King Edward I. At f. 153 begins a second series, entitled "Omissa in primâ abbreviatione." It differs from the work of this kind published by the Commission on Records in 1811.

XIV.

REPORTS by Sir RICHARD HUTTON, Justice of the Common Pleas, of cases heard by himself and copied from his own hand. This manuscript contains many cases which are not in the printed reports of this judge.

XV.

A volume containing several tracts relating to the BARONAGE.

1. "A treatise concerning the nobilitie, according to the laws of England." This is the treatise attributed to Judge Doddridge, as whose work it was printed in 1658. There are some variations from the printed copy, and this manuscript wants all the chapters after that entitled "Of noble women."

2. A discourse written by Mr. Serjeant Doddridge on the question "whether the barony of Bergavenny with the title and dignity be descended unto the lady, being the daughter and heir of the Honourable Henry Nevill the late Baron of Abergavenny, or unto the special heir male unto whom the castle of Abergavenny, being antiently the head of the barony, is descended."

3. A catalogue of the kings of England from Egbert, with a rhyme to each.

4. "Whether baronies by writ or prescription accreying to an earldom by the heir general shall go out againe by an heir general during the continuance of the earldom in a collateral masculine line." An argument, with precedents in favour of the heirs male, by Sir John Borough, Garter.

XVI.

"A book of annexation of CROWN POSSESSIONS, in tertio of the king." It consists of a transcript of an indenture dated 27th March, 3 James I., between the King on the first part, and Thomas Lord Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor, and other great officers of state, of the other, relating to the crown lands, of which a schedule is annexed, as they lay in different counties.

XVII.

A modern transcript of "La somme appelle MIRROIR DES JUSTICES, vel Speculum Justicia-

riorum, factum per Andream Horne."* There is another modern copy among the gifts of various benefactors, No. III.

XVIII.

REPORTS from Mich. term 20 James to Hill.
term 22 James.

XIX.

" Hic continetur — 1. Case de future uses.
2. Wiseman's case. 3. Conceits Augustini Nichols
sur stat. 32 Hen. VIII. de devises. 4. Lectur'
Cooke sur fines. 5. Williams sur stat. de parti-
tiones."

XX.

" A collection of the RULES of the COMMON
LAWS of ENGLAND, by FRANCIS BACON," with an
address to the Queen, dated 5th Jan. 1596.

In the same volume are various notes taken out of the
year books by an unknown writer.

XXI.

A thick quarto containing divers REPORTS.

1. In banco regis, from Mich. term 2 James to Mich.
term 4 James.
2. " Cases experimental in the exchequer," Mich.
term 6 James to Mich. term 10 James.

* " The most extraordinary of our antient law books is *The Mirror of Justices*, hitherto most inaccurately published. Only one antient manuscript of this work is known to exist (in the library of C. C. C. Cambridge, No. 258.)" *An Account of the most important Public Records, &c. &c.* by C. P. Cooper, Esq., 1832, vol. ii. p. 402.

3. In communi banco, Mich. term 10 James to Easter term 17 James.

4. "Ceux reports ensuant fuer pris par Mr. John Glanville," in banco regis, Mich. term 8 James to Trin. term 9 James.

5. In the exchequer, Mich. term 3 Charles to Trin. term 4 Charles.

6. "Notes taken in the common pleas by Mr. Gouldsborough, one of the prothonotaries of the same court, concerning amendment of writs and arresting of judgments in all manner of actions."

XXII.

REPORTS in Banco Regis, Mich. term 10 James to Hill: term 20 James.

XXIII.

A LAW COMMON-PLACE Book, chiefly from cases in the reign of Charles II. There are indexes at the beginning and end.

XXIV.

An alphabetical LAW COMMON-PLACE Book.

XXV.

A volume similar to the two preceding, but only half filled.

XXVI.

"Index florum diversorum librorum extratorum de recordis tam coram rege quam de banco remanen' in THESAURARIA RECEPTE SCACCARII domini regis temporibus regum Johannis," &c.; extending to the reign of Henry V.

XXVII.

“ **TABULA ANNORUM** Edwardi Secundi Regis, &c. secundum vetus manuscript’ inde ; nec non relation de annis H. 7ⁱ secund’ Keilway.” References to the year books arranged under heads placed alphabetically.

XXVIII.

Extracts from the **YEAR BOOKS** of King Edward I.

XXIX.

REPORTS, in a contemporary hand, of cases in the King’s Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer, from the 25th to the 33d of Elizabeth.

XXX.

A transcript, in a hand of the reign of James I., of the **Dialogue on the Exchequer**, attributed to **GERVASE OF TILBURY**.

XXXI.

“ **REPORTS** of Sir Charles Chibburne, collected by himself in the maturity of his age and intellect ; copied from his autograph.”

XXXII.

Contemporary notes of a few **CASES** in the reign of Elizabeth.

XXXIII.—XXXVII.

Five **LAW COMMON-PLACE BOOKS**.

XXXVIII.

Transcript, in a hand of the reign of Charles I., of REPORTS in Communi Banco, from Easter term 1 Edw. I. to Mich. term 24 Edw. I.

XXXIX.

Select cases from the PLACITA coram rege from Mich. term 1 Hen. IV. to Trin. term 10 Hen. V. In this volume is a copy of the remarkable fine before noticed between Thomas de Rempston and Richard late King of England, 1 Hen. IV.

XL.

Transcript, of the time of Charles I., of PLACITA, from Mich. term 1 John to Hill. term 15 John, with "Fragmenta record[or]um incerti temporis Regis Johannis."

XLI.

In this volume are the following distinct tracts:

1. "A relation of what hath passed in the duchie of Mantoua and marquisate of Monferrata, from the beginning of the year 1628 unto the end of the year 1629;" f. 1.
2. "A discourse concerning the proceedings of the King of Sweden;" f. 19.
3. "Concerning Italy;" f. 29.
4. "Lawes and orders touchinge the Isle of Jersey and the forme of, their government;" f. 36.

XLII.

Substance of a speech, probably by MAYNARD himself, commencing thus:—"My lords, my task is to give your lordships the reasons whereupon the House of Commons have grounded their first vote, touching the complaint made before you of the

trespass in seizing the ship and goods of Skinner, and the assault made on his person."

XLIII.

Fair transcript of a report made by certain persons to King James on the state of the PENAL LAW, with suggestions for its improvement.

XLIV.

A large folio LAW COMMON-PLACE Book.

XLV.

A valuable collection of evidences relating to the town and manor of CREDITON in Devonshire, made by Richard Sutton, who finished his labours 1st Jan. 1597.

XLVI.

REPORTS in Communi Banco, Hill. term 2 Charles to Mich. term 5 Charles, with a table of the cases.

XLVII.

A treatise, in eight chapters, entitled OCEANUS BRITANNICUS, written in the reign of James I., on the rights of fishing in the north seas, &c.

XLVIII.

Transcript of some portions of the ROLLS OF PARLIAMENT for the reign of Edward III.

XLIX.

A LAW COMMON-PLACE Book.

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L.

A large folio fairly written, containing two treatises by **FRANCIS CLERKE**.

1. That which was published in 1666 and again in 1684 under the title of "Praxis in curiis ecclesiasticis."
2. The "Practica curiae admiraltatis."

LI.

PLACITA coram rege, Hill. term 23 Edw. III. to Trin. term 51 Edw. III.

LII.

A volume of **POLITICAL TRACTS**.

1. "Extracts out of records wherein may be collected by what manner the kings of England have and may raise money, by Sir Rob. Cotton."
2. Another copy of the same.
3. A petition of the House of Commons to the king.
4. "The question whether the king without assent of parliament may set impositions upon the wares and goods of merchants exported and imported out of and into the realm."

LIII.

Two treatises by Selden, viz.

1. "England's Epinomis, by **JOHN SELDEN** Esquire."
2. "Privileges of the baronage of England when they sit in parliament, collected by Mr. SELDEN out of the records."

LIV.

ASSISE of the reign of Henry VI.

LV.

REPORTS from 30th to 40th Elizabeth

LVI.

A calendar of privy seals issued by the crown from 1 Hen. VII. to 3 Car. I. There is another copy of this calendar among Hale's MSS., No. CXVIII. (CLVIII.) 13.

LVII.

LAW READINGS at Lincoln's Inn.

LVIII.

An epitome, for the most part in English, of the ROLLS OF PARLIAMENT for the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II.

LIX.

A large folio containing numerous LEGAL and POLITICAL TRACTS.

1. "The office of the admiralty of England, with the articles concerning the same office."
2. "The discourse of reason why an office of general exchange for moneys shold be erected in this kingdome, and of the formal institution and right use and benefit of the same, with answers to the objections made against it." Addressed to King James I.
3. "Arguments proving the king's majestie's propriety in the sea lands and salt shores thereof, and that no subject can lawfully hold any part thereof but by the king's grant."
4. "A note of the proceedings at the justice seat held for the forest of Deane at Gloucester Castle, the 10th of July 1634, before the Right Hon. Earl of Holland, lord chief justice in eyre, assisted by Mr. Justice Jones, Mr. Baron Trevor, and Sir John Bridgeman, chief justice of Chester, as it was delivered to the king by Sir John Finch."

5. "The resolutions of judges of assize upon certain questions touching parishes, &c. Mich. 1633."

6. Arguments in an action for trespass, Mich. term 14 James, Josiah Horne plaintiff, and John Fortescue and others defendants. It respects the rectory of Winwick in Lancashire.

7. "A remonstrance delivered to his majesty in writing, after inhibition given by him to the lower house of parliament, as well by word of mouth as by letters, not to proceed in the examining his right to impose without assent of parliament."

8. A tabular analysis of the ecclesiastical polity of England.

9. Account of proceedings in the matter of the divorce of the Countess of Essex.

10. "Of the lately erected office called The office of compositions for alienations." To this the name of William Lambarde is subscribed.

11. "The cause of the marches of Wales."

12. "Seaven arguments concerning the power and priviledge of parliament."

13. "Mr. Littleton of the Inner Temple, his argument and others in defence of Mr. Stephens his plea touching knighthood; also the several arguments of the barons of the exchequer, with their resolutions upon the said plea."

14. "Extracts out of the records wherein may be collected by what means the kings of England have and may raise moneys, per Cotton Mil. et Baronett."

15. "The arraignment of Sir Walter Rawley at the castle of Winchester, on Thursday the 17th of November 1605, before the Right Hon. the Earl of Suffolke, lord chamberlaine, the Earl of Devonshire, Sir Henry Howard, Lo. Cecill, Lo. Wotton, Sir John Stanhop, lo. chief justice of England, lo. chief justice of the common pleas, Popham and Anderson, Justice Gawdy, Justice Warberton, Sir William Wade, commissioners."

16. "The arraignment of Mervin Lord Audley, Earl of Castlehaven, at Westminster Hall, the 25th of Aprill 1631, for, &c., as it was tried before the Lo. Coventrie, lo. keeper of the great seal of England and lord high steward for that day, accompanied with the judges and twenty-six of the nobilitie."

17. "An abstract of all the statutes in force against recusants."

18. "Of islands arising in the sea, and of the salt shore compared with the fresh."

19. "A short compendium or brief declaration of what every officer in his majestie's court of exchequer ought to do by virtue of his office in England, as also the articles of the uniting of the late courts of augmentation and revenues of the crown and the late court of first fruits and tenths to the court of exchequer at Westminster. Written at the request of the Right Hon. the Lord Buckhurst, lord treasurer of England, in the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth."

20. A treatise on the king's jurisdiction, and especially in respect of causes ecclesiastical.

21. "Considerations of entercourse, dedicated to the king's most excellent majesty, 1630."

22. "A true and perfect relation of the proceedings in parliament since the beginning, 20 January 1628."

LX.

1. "Lectura super cartâ de forestâ editâ an^o H. 3. nono."

2. "De curiis vicecom' London?"

3. "Notes collected out of the readings of Mr. Ramsey of Grey's Inne upon the statute of 2 Edw. VI. chap. 8. concerning copieholds."

At the end of the volume are a few precedents or forms for indentures.

LXI.

Collections out of the patent, close, fine, charter, oblate, and Norman rolls relating to the counties of DEVON and CORNWALL.

LXII.

REPORTS in Banco Regis, with a few in Communi Banco and the Exchequer, Trin. term 43 Elizab. to Mich. term 10 James.

LXIII.

This volume consists of two parts.

1. REPORTS in banco regis from Trin. term 24 Eliz. to Mich. term 42 and 43 Eliz. The cases are more numerous in the latter than in the earlier years. A few cases of the later years are at the beginning of the volume.

2. Collections relating to the STANNARIES, viz.

(1.) "The resolutions of all the judges by force of his majesty's letter concerning the stannaries in Devon and Cornwall, 26 Nov. 1608, at Serjeant's Inn."

(2.) Extract from the rolls of parliament, 50 Edw. III., touching the stannaries.

(3.) "The manner of holding the parliament at Crockerentone for the stannaries in the county of Devon, 27 Octobris 42 Elizabethæ R."

(4.) "Perambulatio forestæ de Dertmore."

(5.) Historical and law collections on the same subject.

LXIV.

REPORTS in Communi Banco, Easter term 1 Edw. I. to Mich. term 24 Edw. I.

LXV.

REPORTS of SIR HENRY HOBART. This manuscript may be compared with advantage with the

reports of that judge printed under an imprimatur, dated in 1646.

LXVI.

REPORTS in Banco Regis and Communi Banco,
26 Eliz.—14 James.

LXVII.

A paper book, containing a portion fairly transcribed of a treatise which commences thus:—
“ Having said thus much of the civil judicature in parliament, let me in the next place consider criminall,” &c.

LXVIII.

“ A selected number of such CASES ECCLESIASTICAL as have been argued and discussed tempore Regis Jacobi, with the judicial opinions and authentical resolutions of the reverend judges and learned councell of this realm of England concerning the same.”

LXIX.

A treatise entitled AULICE, which appears to be a translation from the Italian.

LXX.

READINGS in a hand of the reign of Henry VIII.

1. “ Lecturæ Will’i Wadham apud Lyncolnes Inne tempore Quadragesimal. anno r. r. H. VIII. xi^o,” on Westm. 2. cap. 3, 4, 5.
2. Readings of Thomas Brigge, serjeant at law, on Westm. 2. cap. 3, 4, 5.
3. Readings of Frowyk on Westm. 2.
4. “ Lectura de Will. Marshall de Lincoln Inn temp. Quadragesimæ, anno r. r. H. VIII. septimo, de quo warr.”

LXXI.

Copy of the ROLLS of the PARLIAMENTS which met 16 Oct. 7 Hen. V., 2 Dec. 8 Hen. V., 2 May 9 Hen. V., and 1 Dec. 9 Hen. V.

LXXII.

A volume, entitled ELECTION CASES IN PARLIAMENT.

1. "The speach of Mr. John Glanville, pronounced in a full committee of both houses of parlyament the 25th of Maye 1628, in the painted chamber att Westminster."
2. "The speaker [Sir John Finch]’s first speech, 19 Martii 1627."
3. "The lord keeper’s answer, 19 Martii 1627."
4. "The speaker’s second speech, 19 Maii," with "the lord keeper’s sur-reply, 19 Maii."
5. "A brief and faithful relation touching matters of privilege, ordered and adjudged by the commons in parliament assembled, at the parliament begun and holden at Westminster the 19th day of July in the 21st year of the reign of our sovereign lord King James." Then follow twenty-one election cases, which are those which were published in an octavo volume in 1775, "from the collation of various manuscripts," of which this however does not appear to have been one.
6. "Le case in parlyament anno primo Jac. Regis entre Sir Frauncys Goodwyn et Sir Jo. Fortescue pour le lieu del k^{ts} del shire pour le countye de Buck."
7. "Dr. Turner’s speech in parliament, 11 Martii 1625."
8. "Remonstrance of the commons, 5 April 1626."
9. "The lo. keeper’s letter to the Earl of Bristol, 31 March 1626."
10. "The Earl of Bristol’s answer."
11. A few notes on the king’s prerogative.

LXXIII.

1. Select REPORTS in the reigns of Elizabeth and James.
2. "Un brief collection de touts tiels decrees faits en le court de gards queux decident escun doubt en ley," &c.

LXXIV.

"A collection of the most material matters conteyned in the book of ACTS OF COUNCELL, recorded and entered by the clarcke of the counsell at the councell table, beginning the xiiith daie of August anno 1558, in the first year of the reign of Queen Mary, omittinge onely such unnecessary things as are not worth the observation."

This forms a large volume, though the collection does not go beyond the proceedings at the council held on 12th May 1559. It appears by the return from the privy council office to the select committee of the House of Commons in 1800, that the original books from 1557 to 1562 were then wanting.

In the same volume are —

1. "Divers cases concerning prohibitions and consultations."
2. A fragment of the treatise on the nobility attributed to Judge Doddridge.
3. A few leaves of a law common-place book.

LXXV.

A treatise on the constitution of the COURT OF CHANCERY, with a catalogue of the Chancellors of England, and a few rough notes at the end of cases in Chancery in the time of Charles I.

LXXVI.

"Of the precedent antiquity of EARLS and SHERIFFS to the Conquest ; of sheriffs courts,

hundreds, and manors ; of court barons and leete ; of the nature of each in the time of the Romans ; of their and our countie palatines ; of earls since the overthrow of the Roman empire in our and other countries ; the etymologies of counties, hundreds, and wapentakes ; of sheriffs in other countries and ours ; of the barrons ; of the localities of the justice of England." Begins—*The natural philosopher observes birds, &c.*

LXXVII.

A transcript, said to be from his own manuscript, of REPORTS by Judge RODES, who was a justice of the Common Pleas, 1585—1591. They are most full from Mich. term 13 and 14 Eliz. to Trin. term 17 Eliz. But there are cases in the volume of 8, 9, and 10 Eliz., and of 23, 26, 29—33, 36—38 Eliz. ; and a few Exchequer cases in 4 and 11 James I.

LXXVIII.

" SUMMONITIONES AD PARLIAMENTUM," 49
Hen. III.—22 Edw. IV.

LXXIX.

A large volume, the contents of which are thus described by Mr. Serjeant Maynard himself : " Quæ sequuntur in hoc volumine ad usque paginam octogesimam 7^m exscripta fuerunt per me W. Maynard ex quibusdam libris autographis WILL. NOY nuper attornatûs regis generalis. Postea sequuntur relationes quædam exscriptæ ex quodam libro Bulstrode Whitelock. 3^o. Lecturæ Jacobi Whitelock, Ar."

The extracts from Noy relate for the most part to cases in 2 and 3 James. The cases from Sir Bulstrode White-

lock's book are in communi banco, from Easter term 7 James to Mich. term 13 James. The readings of Sir James Whitelock are on the statute 21 Hen. VIII. cap. 13. *De facultatibus beneficiariorum.* They were read in the Middle Temple, 2 Aug. 1619.

LXXX.

A paper book, without covers, entitled **THE LORD COOKE'S TWELFTH REPORT.** On comparing it with the printed volume published in 1656, many and material variations will be found to exist. The manuscript is in French, and in a hand not much later than the time of the author.

LXXXI.

A large miscellany of matter collected from the **PLACITA** and the **ROLLS**, but especially the latter. In this miscellaneous volume a few single instruments or fasciculi may be particularly pointed out.

1. Relating to affairs of commerce; f. 1—54.
2. Relating to prohibitions and consultations; f. 55—58.
3. To the appropriation of churches; f. 75—83.
4. Proceedings in quo warranto against Sir John Warren in respect to the manor of Stockport, 15 Hen. VII. ; f. 84—86.
5. License to Thomas Draper to found a chantry in the church of Newport in Shropshire, from the patent roll 20 Hen. VI. p. 2. m. 16.
6. Relating to patents and monopolies, 19 James ; f. 89.
7. A large and interesting collection of extracts from the close rolls, beginning in the reign of Henry IV., concerning state prisoners, their confinement, release, or execution; f. 101—113, f. 133—144, f. 189—200. There is another fasciculus in a later part of the volume.

8. Extract from the memoranda of the exchequer, containing a report in English on the state of the harbours on the coast of Wales; f. 117.

9. Memorandum from the close roll of the delivery of the great seal by John [Thomas] Bishop of Lincoln, 24th July, 3 Ric. III. ; f. 147.

10. "Hæ subscr. sunt ordinationes cancellariae domini regis fact. anno duodecimo regni Regis Ricardi Secundi;" f. 211.

There are also in this volume,

11. "Notes concerning making of sope;" f. 149.

12. A treatise on the court of chancery; f. 215.

13. "Ordinances explained by Mr. Crooke, 1554, upon the state of the chancery court, being written and taken out of a great book remaining with Mr. James Walrond, which sometyme was the book of old Mr. Humfrey Walrond, late one of the vi. clarke of the chancery;" f. 218.

14. Notes concerning the office of filazer; f. 299.

15. Collections relating to episcopal visitations.

LXXXII.

REPORTS, Mich. term 42 & 43 Eliz. and Easter term 1 James. There are also slight reports of a few cases in other terms, and in another part of the volume a few well reported cases of the reign of Elizabeth.

LXXXIII.

Indorsed "Touching Union." This volume consists of various writings concerning the UNION of SCOTLAND with ENGLAND, which was meditated soon after the accession of King James I. to the throne of England. The whole was written at the period of time to which the contents refer, and as there are some papers which appear to be autographs of persons who were engaged in the design, it may be regarded as an official document, and

even, as to the first portion of it, the original minute book of the commissioners.

A more particular description of the contents follows :

1. A journal of the proceedings of the commissioners, commencing die Saturni, viz. 20 Oct. 1604, and ending 6 Dec. 1604.

2. " Certain examples of united kingdoms."

3. A large treatise, beginning thus, " Unions of states be of different natures; their differencie consisteth either in matter of the union or the form," &c.

4. An address to the king recommending union, and that he should style himself " King of the whole and united Isle of Britain."

5. The statutes which the proposed union would make it necessary to repeal. •

6. " The dangers to be considered in the proposition of free commerce."

7. " Remembrances of the conferences of both houses, 17^o Decemb. anno 1606."

8. " That those born in England and Scotland since the king's coming to this crown are by law naturalized in either kingdom."

9. Minutes made apparently at the time of speeches in the House of Commons on this proposed measure.

10. " An answer to a speech of Sir Roger Owen's and Mr. Crew's before the Lords at a conference, 25 Feb. 1606."

11. A tabular digest of what passed at the last conference with the Lords.

12. A tabular view of arguments on the subject, dated 30 April 1607.

LXXXIV.

" A brief and rare collection of the several FEES and charges usually defrayed or paid out into divers courts or offices in London and Westminster every

term time by suits at the common lawe of this realme of England, reduced to perfection of the time present; and, first, of a recovery, with the fees and charges," &c.

" This booke was further enlarged by mee Richard Colchester, anno Domini 1621, as followeth," &c.

In the same volume are a small portion of an attempt at exhibiting the law of England in a tabular form, and "the Great Turk's oath to Bethlem Gabor," 1620.

LXXXV.

A treatise entitled " In what cases the King's courts of Common Pleas may graunt PROHIBITIONS by lawe, and many presydents of former tymes, and in what not."

LXXXVI.

REPORTS in a hand of the reign of Elizabeth, 4—6 Hen. VII. ; 1 Hen. VIII. ; 6, 7, 9, and 11 Hen. VIII. ; 4 & 5 Ph. and Mar. ; 1, 2, & 5 Eliz.

LXXXVII.

REPORTS from Mich. Term 1 Eliz. to Mich. Term 20 & 21 Eliz. Also reports in C. B. of Mich. Term 42 and 43 Eliz. to Trin. Term 1 James. All very fairly transcribed.

III.

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF JOHN COXE, ESQ.

I.—XV.

Of this series of volumes the first thirteen are in quarto, the two last in folio. They contain Mr. Coxe's **COMMON-PLACE DIGEST** of the common law, in alphabetical order, and are lettered by him "Common Law common-placed."

XVI.—XX.

Five volumes like the last, lettered by Mr. Coxe "Practical Law common-placed."

XXI.

"**Adversaria.**" So entitled by Mr. Coxe. A law common-place book, containing but few entries.

XXII.

A common-place book for general subjects by Mr. Coxe.

XXIII.—XXVII.

Five quarto volumes, containing copies of **OPINIONS** given by Mr. Coxe in the course of his practice, from 14 August 1745 to 1 Dec. 1777. An index of the cases is in every volume, and occasionally minutes of the facts of the cases themselves.

XXVIII.—LXII.

A series of note books, in Mr. Coxe's own hand, of **CASES** in the several courts of law, from Trin. Term 5 George II. to Trin. Term 9 George III. They are lettered A.—L L.

LXIII.—LXXIII.

A series like the last, but by an elder Coxe, who was uncle to the Mr. Coxe by whom these manuscripts were bequeathed. The cases here reported are in Banco Regis, from 1 Anne to Easter term 10 George I. These note books are numbered I.—XI. In the XI.th volume there are notes by the younger Coxe, of the year 1733. Volume I. contains an index to the ten which follow.

LXXIV.

A small folio containing an INDEX to the cases in the note books of both the Coxes.

LXXV.—LXXVIII.

Four other note books, containing notes and collections on legal points by Mr. Coxe.

LXXIX.

A half folio, lettered "Coke on Littleton," containing portions of the matter of that work disposed under heads, the work of Mr. Coxe.

LXXX.

A lecture "Of the Civil Law," transcribed by Mr. Coxe.

LXXXI.

Copies of letters of business written by Mr. Coxe between 1767 and 1770.

LXXXII.

A LAW COMMON-PLACE Book in the form of a note book, in Mr. Coxe's own hand, alphabetical, from Abatement to Bye-laws.

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LXXXIII.

Another note book of Mr. Coxe's, containing extracts from Locke and other well known authors.

LXXXIV.

A similar note book, with arguments on points of law, by Mr. Coxe.

LXXXV. LXXXVI.

Two volumes of INDEXES of NAMES OF CASES.

LXXXVII. LXXXVIII.

Two CATALOGUES, one by Mr. Coxe of his own library, the other of his library as it stood when it came by his bequest to the society of Lincoln's Inn.

LXXXIX.

A large folio, lettered CASES IN CHANCERY. They are for the most part cases heard in the former half of the eighteenth century. Many of them are in print, of which there is notice in the margin of the manuscript. A table of the cases is at the end of the volume.

XC.

"A treatise of the court of STAR CHAMBER," in a hand of the reign of King Charles I. This treatise is distributed under three heads: the officers of the court; the jurisdiction; the course of proceeding.

XCI.

REPORTS in Banco Regis from 12 Will. to 3 Anne. There are also a table of fees and a few law precedents.

XCII.

A law common-place book, entitled by the writer "Some cases in law, and observations in pratique intermixed."

XCIII.

REPORTS in Banco Regis, from Mich. term 4 Charles I. to Mich. term 17 Charles I.

XCIV.

A note book containing a few rough notes of cases in Banco Regis, beginning Jan. 28, 1691; probably by the elder Coxe.

IV.

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF MR. SERJEANT HILL.

I.—XXXV.

A series of volumes, of various forms and sizes, numbered thus; containing a large collection of REPORTS of cases in the courts of law and the court of Chancery heard in the eighteenth century, for the most part copied under Mr. Hill's direction from the notes made by his friends and contemporaries.

XXXVI.

An INDEX to the cases in the volumes just described.

XXXVII.—XLVIII.

Twelve note books containing REPORTS from Mich. term 4 Geo. II. to Hill. term 25 Geo. II.

These are notes made by **SIR THOMAS BURNETT**, who was a justice of the Common Pleas.

XLIX.—LV.

Seven volumes called **CHESSHIRE'S MANUSCRIPTS**, having formerly belonged to **Mr. Serjeant Chesshyre**. They consist of—

1. A large folio, closely written, of reports from Hill. term 36 and 37 Charles II. to Mich. term 8 Will. III. There are indexes of cases and of subjects. It may assist in the use of this volume to observe that the reports of Mich. term 8 Will. III. are at the beginning of the volume.
2. Note book containing cases, Mich. term 35 Charles II. to 3 James II.
- 3.—5. Note books of cases from Mich. term 12 Will. III. to Hill. term 2 Geo. II.
6. A law common-place book.
7. Trotman's epitome of Coke's Reports, inlaid with very copious notes by Mr. Chesshyre.

LVI.—LXXV.

Twenty volumes, called by **Mr. Hill OSBORNE'S MANUSCRIPTS**, having been purchased by him of Osborne the bookseller. They are a series of note books of proceedings in court from about 1717 to about 1740. There is some irregularity in the chronological arrangement. The numbering of this series is from I. to XXI., but there is no XX.th volume, nor was there while in Mr. Hill's hands.

LXXVI.—LXXVIII.

Three volumes in the form of note books, containing a collection of cases relating to the **SETTLEMENT OF THE POOR**.

LXXIX.

A similar volume containing collections on the
LAW OF EVIDENCE.

LXXX.

A folio entitled by Mr. Hill "LORD CH. JUSTICE KING'S MS." It contains reports in *Comuni Banco* from Mich. term 1 Geo. to Trin. term 8 Geo., with indexes of cases and subjects.

LXXXI.

A small folio, which Mr. Hill has entitled *WITHERINGTON'S REPORTS* [in *Comuni Banco*], from Mich. 2 James to Pasch. 21 James. He has added that "Widdrington was ch. baron in 1657;" and he further remarks that "this does not seem to be the book referred to in Salk. 137 by the name of Widdrington." The volume, however, contains no reports between the 3rd and 17th of James.

The volume also contains "Ordinances made by the Right Hon. Thomas Lord Coventry, lord keeper of the great seal of England, with the advice and assistance of the Right Hon. Sir Julius Cæsar, Knight, master of the rolls, in the term of Saint Michael the Archangel, in the 11th year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Charles, for the redress of sundry errors, defaults, and abuses in the high court of chancery."

LXXXII.

"REPORTS taken in the Upper Bench by Mr. NORTH, beginning the 3rd of May 1658."

LXXXIII.

Entitled by Mr. Hill "NORTHEY'S MS., Trin. term 13 Charles II. to Hill. term 23 and 24 Charles II., both inclusive."

LXXXIV.

A pocket book, formerly belonging to Sir Edward Northey, the queen's attorney general, containing notes of cases in 23 and 24 Car. II., with an index.

LXXXV.

“ Against impositions in parliament, 8 Jacobi Regis.” A contemporary manuscript.

LXXXVI.

“ A book concerning the EXCHEQUER, copied from the manuscript thereof, formerly Lord Mansell's, but since in Lord Onslow's possession ; to which is annexed a report of Mr. Lowndes to the Earl of Rochester, lord high treasurer, with his lordship's orders thereon.”

LXXXVII.

This is lettered MADOX'S MANUSCRIPT, and contains the following pieces :

1. A catalogue of the manuscript collections of Thomas Madox, Esq.
2. An account of several of the officers and clerks in the exchequer.
3. Statutes relating to the chancellor, and courts and officers.
4. Several ancient charters relating to tonnage, poundage, and other customs and subsidies.
5. Queen Mary's letters patent for the dissolution of the court of augmentations.
6. Her letters patent for annexing the same to the court of exchequer.
7. Proceedings by papal delegations.

LXXXVIII.—XCVII.

Ten volumes of MR. SERJEANT LEEDS' MSS. Three are quartos and the rest note books, con-

taining reports chiefly, if not entirely, in Banco Regis, from Easter term 1 Geo. I. to Mich. term 18 Geo. II.

XCVIII.

Entitled "MASTER LEEDS' MSS." Reports in Banco Regis from Mich. term 24 Geo. II. to Hill, term 28 Geo. II. There are also a few cases in 29 & 30 Geo. II. This volume also contains Lord Hardwicke's elaborate judgment in Chancery in the case of Bagshaw and Spencer, 1749.

XCIX.—CXVII.

Nineteen volumes of manuscripts of MR. SERJEANT DAVY. Several of these are law commonplace books, notes in grammar of no value, or transcripts from Mr. Serjeant Leeds' manuscripts. Those which may deserve to be more specifically described are,

- 1.—3. "An institute of the law relative to trials at Nisi Prius, in seven parts." This is now in print. See Buller's *Nisi Prius*.
4. A few cases in 30 & 31 Geo. II.
6. A few cases in Hill. term 1742.
7. Cases of settlement.
8. Cases from Mich. term 26 Geo. II. to Easter term 28 Geo. II.
10. Cases from Easter term 28 Geo. II. to Mich. term 26 Geo. II.
11. Cases from Easter term 28 Geo. II. to Trin. term 24 & 25 Geo. II.
13. Cases in 27 & 28 Geo. II.
19. "Index to the books of the late Mr. Serjeant Davy."

CXVIII.—CXX.

Three volumes, lettered "Manuscript cases Vol. I.," "Vol. II.," and "Vol. IV." Mr. Hill

calls them VIVIAN's MSS. They contain reports of the reign of George II., with a case in the Exchequer of 2 George III.

CXXI.—CXXV.

Five volumes, formerly belonging to WILLIAM and ROBERT BUSBY of Gray's Inn.

1. Reports in banco regis, 38—43 Eliz.
2. Reports in banco regis, Easter term 3 James to Hill. term 7 James.
3. Reports in part after Dalison, from 38 Hen. VIII. to 6 Eliz., and others from Easter term 30 Eliz. to Easter term 32 Eliz.
4. Reports in banco regis from Mich. term 20 James to Hill. term 22 James.
5. A few reports, 1659 to 1667.

V.

MANUSCRIPTS, THE GIFT OF VARIOUS BENEFACTORS.

These may be distributed in two classes :

- I. Those which were in the possession of the Society before 1697, and are named in the catalogue of that year.
- II. Those which are not in that catalogue.

I.

MANUSCRIPTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SOCIETY BEFORE 1697.

I. (CXXV.)

A treatise, entitled by its author, JOHN BRISCO,
“ AXIOMATA sive regulæ juris excerptæ e com-

mentariis præhonorabilis viri Domini Edwardi Coke Equitis Aurati, unius ex honoratissimis privati consilii domini regis." A dedication to Lord Coke is prefixed, dated from Lincoln's Inn, 11 October 1621. This volume is the gift of the author.

II. (CXXVI.)

"SYNTAGMA HISTORICUM, continens duos ultimos regni annos beatissimæ memoriæ Jacobi nuper Magnæ Britanniæ et Hiberniæ regis, et paulo amplius, non minus verâ quam recenti fide, conscriptum a JOANNE BRISCO Lincolnensis hospitii, Armigero, et per juridicos Angliæ conventus sive ut vulgo dicunt terminos digestum, juxta morem apud juris Angliani professores antiquitûs observatum pro anno tandiis inde temporibus." A dedication is prefixed to Robert Carey Earl of Monmouth and Henry Carey Lord Falkland. At the end are various Latin poems by the author, whose gift this volume was.*

III. (CXXVII.)

"Le somme appel' LE MIRROR A JUSTICES vel Speculum Justiciariorum, fait per Andrew Horne." A copy written on parchment in a hand of the reign of James I. This appears to have belonged to Mr. Brisco. There is another copy of this work among Maynard's manuscripts, No. XVII.

IV. (CXXVII.)

CXXVII

A folio of 440 pages, containing, in a contemporary hand, an account of the PROCEEDINGS of the House of Lords in the PARLIAMENT of the 18th of

* It appears by a passage in this work that the author was the son of Alexander Brisco, and descended of an antient family at Crofton Hall in Cumberland.

James, from the 30th of January 1620-1 to the 8th of February 1621-2: the gift, it is probable, of Mr. Brisco.

V. (CXXIX.)

Another copy of the same work, which also appears to have been the gift of Mr. Brisco.

VI. (CXXX.)

“ The MIRROR OF JUSTICE, set forth by Plato in fower severall treatises, called Gorgias, Euthyphron, the Apology, and Crito, faithfully translated out of the original Greek by J. B.” This was the John Brisco before named, by whom this book was presented to the library in 1631.

VII. (CXXXI.)

REPORTS in Communi Banco, in a hand nearly contemporary, from Mich. term 4 Car. I. to Easter term 12 Car. I., with an index of cases.

VIII. (CXXXII.)

“ BREVIA SUMMONITIONUM et rotuli parlementorum omnium tentorum durante regno Henrici Angliæ et Franciæ Regis illustrissimi post Conquestum Quinti.” A folio of 651 pages, written about 1630.

IX. (CXXXIII.)

“ COLLECTIONES RERUM ECCLESIASTICARUM tam Angliæ quam Hiberniæ sub regimine Reginæ Henrici Tertiæ, ex rotulis ejusdem regis in archivis Turris London extractæ; continentæ negotiatio[n]es contentio[n]esque precipuas inter dictum regem, proceres, et laicos, ac Romanam curiam, pontifices, prælatos, clericos, circa jura coronæ regiæ, regni

populique libertates et jurisdictiones usurpationes-que papales, episcopales, vel clericales eisdem dero-gatorias et repugnantes. Opere et studio indefesso Gulielmi Prynne Armigeri, unius lectorum et magis-trorum de banco nobilissimi hospitii Lincolniensis, anno Christi incarnati 1662."

A folio of 652 pages. The extracts are for the most part from the patent and close rolls, but the fine, the liberate, and the Gascoign rolls have supplied others. Many of these extracts may be found in the work which is commonly known by the name of Prynne's Records, three volumes folio.

X. (CXXXIV.)

A folio of 198 leaves, containing, in a hand nearly contemporary, "Divers CASES tempore 1^o Eliz., 6^o Eliz., 7^o Eliz., 18^o, 19^o, et 29^o et 30^o Eliz., et 31^o et 32^o Eliz., et 34^o et 36^o Eliz."

XI. (CXXXVI.)

A copy of BRACON, in a small folio, written in double columns, and in a hand of the latter part of the fourteenth century. It begins as the copy among Sir Matthew Hale's manuscripts, No. CXVI. (CXXXV.), but it ends with the words, *est enim magna differentia inter regnum et sacerdotium.** A brief index in a modern hand is prefixed.

The name of the donor of this manuscript appears in a writing curiously inserted in one of the covers under a

* These two early and finely preserved copies of Bracton will be found, perhaps, to present a text as perfect as any manuscript now existing of that ancient law-writer. "The publication in a correct form of the year books and of the ancient text-writers of our law, Glanville, Bracton, Britton, Fleta, the Mirror, &c., was considered as one of the objects of the Record Commission, and it continues to be highly necessary. The present editions

piece of transparent horn. “Bracton faire wrytten in parchment. Ex dono RANULPHI CHOLMELEY, servientis ad legem et recordatoris civitatis London.”*

XII. (CLXXVI.)

A copy of the STATUTES from 1 Edw. III. to 3 Hen. V., very fairly written on vellum in the fifteenth century. A table of contents extending to 11 Hen. IV. is prefixed. The gift of Ranulph Cholmeley.

XIII. (CLXXIX.)

A copy of the STATUTES from 1 Hen. IV. to 20 Hen. VI. on vellum, written at the time. This appears by the style of the binding to have belonged to Cholmeley.

A printed paper, of the date 1520, has been used in the binding. It is a portion of a paper circulated by Henry Osborne, prior of the convent of friars predicator at Oxford, offering certain privileges in their house to those who should contribute to the repair of their church.

are all extremely defective; no attempt was made by early editors to obtain an accurate text, or to illustrate the author; we read these works destitute of all the aids to be afforded either by criticism or by research. Bracton would deserve particular attention. It appears that there are two distinct *Recensions* of this work, in one of which many of the passages borrowed from the civil law do not appear.” *An Account of the most important Public Records of Great Britain, &c.* by C. P. Cooper, Esq., 1832. vol. ii. p. 401.

* Ranulph Cholmeley gave, as we shall see, other manuscripts, and was also a benefactor to other parts of the library, having given to it the fine set of the printed year books which this society possesses. He died on the 25th April 1563, according to the inscription on his monument in Saint Dunstan’s church, having been a frequent reader in the society, as may be seen in Dugdale’s *Origines Juridiciales*, p. 252, 253.

XIV. (CLXXXIII.)

Another copy of the STATUTES, from 1 Edw. III. to 19 Hen. VII., in a very thick quarto vellum manuscript, the gift of Ranulph Cholmeley. An index is prefixed, and a table of contents, which extends only to the 10 Hen. VI. There are no statutes entered in this book between the 8th and 15th Henry VI.

XV. (CLXXXVII.)

REPORTS, in a very thick folio of paper. They are from Hill. term 38 Edw. III. to Mich. term 40 Edw. III. ; from Hill. term 43 Edw. III. to Mich. term 46 Edw. III. ; and of 8 & 11 Hen. IV., 1 Hen. V., and 7 and 12 Ric. II.

This manuscript contains an early genealogical table of the royal house of England.

It was the gift of Ranulph Cholmeley.

XVI. (CLXXXIX.)

A volume similar to the last, containing REPORTS of 11, 12, and 13 Ric. II. ; 2 and 13 Hen. IV. ; 21, 38, 40—43, 45 Edw. III. Of these years the terms appear to be complete. A few placita of other years occur, with sometimes what appear to be remarks upon the cases by the author of the manuscript.

At f. 322 is “ Prima lectura Willielmi Ayloff*, in Lincolnes Inne.”

The gift of Ranulph Cholmeley.

* He was Lent reader in 13 Eliz.; *Orig. Jurid.* p. 253.

XVII. (CXXXVII. 1.)

A vellum manuscript of the fourteenth century, in a modern binding, containing —

1. **PLACITA** from Easter term 1 Edw. III. to Mich. term 4 Edw. III. There are here many and important variations from the printed year books of this reign.
2. " **ITER** de Norhampton, 3 E. 3."
3. " **ITER** de Nottingham, de anno regni Regis E. Tertii a conquestu quarto."
4. " **PLACITA** in itinere Derbyæ coram Will. de Herle et sociis suis, anno r. R. E. Tercii quarto."
5. " **ITER** Bedeford' coram Johanne de Cantebrigg et sociis suis, 4 E. III."
6. **PLACITA** from Easter term 7 Edw. III. to Mich. term 10 Edw. III.

" **Ex dono Milonis Corbet.**" Sir Matthew Hale speaks in his will of a manuscript of his containing a Bedford iter.

XVIII. (CXXXVII. 2.)

A vellum manuscript of the fourteenth century, in its original wood binding, like the one last described.

1. **PLACITA**, year by year, through the whole reign of Edward II., ending with Mich. term in the twentieth year of his reign; f. xl.—cc.*

This is a different manuscript from that which was used by Maynard, when he prepared his edition of the year books of this reign, 1678.

2. " **De ITINER' Norhamton anno tercio E. 3;**" f. ccvii.—cclvi.

* Sir Matthew Hale thus speaks of reports of the reign of Edward II.:—" The best copy of these reports that I know now extant is that in Lincoln's Inn library, which gives a fair specimen of the learning of the pleaders and judges of that time." *History of the Common Law of England*, 6th edit. 1820. p. 198.

3. "PLACITA placitata in itinere de Derb. coram Will. de Herle et sociis suis anno r. R. E. quarto;" f. cclvi b.—cclxvi.

4. "De termino Paschæ anno regni Regis E. T. post Conquestum primo;" f. clxvii. This is continued through the successive years and terms of the reign of Edward III. to Mich. term in the ninth year of his reign, and extends to the end of the volume.

Prefixed to what is now described are three leaves of placita, which seem to be of the reign of Edward I.; and thirty-seven leaves of a calendare brevium for the placita of the reign of Edward II., referring to the pages in which the writs are named, which appears to have been compiled with great care, and is in the same hand with the rest of the volume.

On a leaf between f. cc. and f. ccvii. are copies of two charters defining certain respective rights of the lords of Plumpton and of Knaresborough.

Respecting former possessors are the two following memoranda: "Liber M. Johannis Clerke unius baronum scaccarii domini Regis Edwardi III^{ti}; anno ipsius domini Regis octavo, de Greys Inne," and "Ex dono GEORGII ANTON armig."

XIX. (CXXXIX.)

A very large law manuscript, resembling the two last described, written in double columns, and of the fourteenth century.

"In hoc volumine continentur ANNALES Regis Edwardi Secundi ab anno primo ejusdem Regis usque ad annum vicesimum (exclusive) nunquam hactenus aliquâ impressione consignati, 1669." These reports also differ materially from those of this reign in Maynard's publication.

A few leaves of placita in 19 Edw. II. are in a different hand from the rest; and there are also a few leaves in a later hand, entitled "Historia Regum E. 2. et E. 3, Tho. Walsingham abbreviatum." At the beginning are

twenty-two leaves, with the title “ Novæ Narrationes,” and, in a modern hand, a catalogue of the justices who lived in the reign of Edward II.

In the following memorandum we have a satisfactory account how this volume came to the library: “ This volume of Edward the Second I had upon an exchange with Serjeant Clerke (commonly writt in our pention rolls John Clerke, the thirteenth) in or about decimo septimo Jacobi, 1619. I accounted itt more the gift of a freind than any exchange of like vallew. Now given (as my legacy) to Lincolnes Inn library, as may appeare by a clause of my will entered in the last folio of a large book of iters, 433 *, which (together with this) I also bequeath, as likewise some other manuscripts of law, to that noble society. C. Fairfax.”

XX. (CXL.)

A volume in vellum, of the quarto form, of the fourteenth century, containing copies of the STATUTES, commencing with Magna Charta. It contains also the Magna and Parva Hengham, Registrum Vetus, Registrum de cancellariâ secundum usum Ric'i de Bereford, and other writings which are usually found in the collections made of the statutes.

* No such memorandum is to be found in any book now in the library, and the only manuscript which can be regarded with any high probability as having been included in Fairfax's bequest is the one which is next named, in which is the name of “Charles Fairfax, 1616,” as of a former possessor, that being the name of this benefactor, Charles Fairfax of Menston in Yorkshire, Esquire, a younger son of Thomas the first Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron. This Charles Fairfax was one of the record and charter antiquaries of the seventeenth century, and left behind him various manuscripts of his own, which show the attention which he paid to these studies.

XXI. (CLI.)

A very small quarto, of unusual thickness, containing, in a hand of the fifteenth century, the STATUTES of the reign of King Edward III. In the illumination of the first letter is a portrait of the King, the head only.

“Ex dono GEORGI ANTONNI armigeri.” *

XXII. (CLXVIII.)

A YEAR Book of the first ten years of the reign of Edward III., wanting, however, the greater part of the eighth year. It is in folio, and is a nearly contemporary manuscript.

“Ex dono Georgii Anton, arm.”

XXIII. (CLXXVIII.)

A small quarto manuscript, of vellum, of the STATUTES, from 1 Edw. III. to 3 Hen. V., soon after which time it was written.

“The gift of George Anton, Esq.”

XXIV. (CLXXXIV.)

A small quarto, the gift of the same person, partly on paper and partly on vellum, containing explanations of TERMS IN LAW, forms of WRITS, and a printed book of PRECEDENTS, “Impressa Londin’ per Winandum de Worde in vico the Flete Strete commorantem in signo solis.”

XXV. (CXXXVIII.)

A contemporary manuscript, entitled “A JOURNAL of the PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS in

* This was probably the recorder of Lincoln of that name at the beginning of the seventeenth century. His father had been clerk in the court of wards. See *Harl. MS. 1436. f. 7*

the lower house, anno 35 Eliz. anno Domini 1592, very laboriously collected for consultation and preparation against the ambitious and proud designs of the Spanish king; in which also some unusual distaste happened betweene her majesty and their house, by reason of their intermeddling with her majesty's successor to the crowne, which she had forbidden. This session began on Monday the 19th of February 1592, and ended April 9, 1593."

XXVI. (CXLVI.)

A large folio on paper, containing PLACITA from the 20th to the 42nd of Edward III.

This contains reports of many cases on the iters, and in the early part corresponds with the Liber assisarum printed by Tottel in 1580. In the later years the cases are placed under particular heads, as advowson of churches, pleas of trespass, &c.

XXVII. (CXLVIII.)

A manuscript on vellum, of the fifteenth century, in small quarto, lettered LINDWOOD. *Ignorantia sacerdotum et, &c. censurâ fore canonice compellendos.* At the beginning is a table of contents, and between that and the work itself are a few notes, in a somewhat later hand, respecting hunting.

XXVIII. (CXLIX.)

A thick paper manuscript in small quarto, containing —

1. A collection of cases from REPORTS, for the most part if not entirely of the reign of Edward II., with a table of the writs.

2. Collections out of the old REPORTS, under heads arranged alphabetically.

XXIX. (CL.)

A manuscript on vellum of the half folio form, containing several early ENGLISH METRICAL ROMANCES, in a hand of the fourteenth century. It is imperfect both at the beginning and the end.

1. The writing on the first leaf is scarcely legible. The second begins thus, in the midst of a poem :—

Al þat þey metten at þat stounde
 Mon and hors þey slowe to grounde ;
 So Englýsch mon for soþ to say
 Weore discomfyzt and fledde away
 To Wynchestre þay fledde þo
 Syngand, Allas and weylawo, &c.

There are twenty-four pages, each containing about sixty lines, and the poem ends thus :—

Twenty zer þaþy lyued in same
 Wiþ muche gleo and game ;
 He and þat swete þýng
 Jhesu Crýst oure Saueour
 And his modir, þat swete flour,
 Spede us at oure nede.
 Explicit Lebius de stonus.*

* This is the first half of "Le Beaus Descours," published by Ritson, *Ancient English Metrical Romances*, vol. ii. p. 1—90. Chaucer speaks of it as a popular romance in his time :—

" Men speken of romaunces of pris,
 Of Horn Child and of Ipotis,
 Of Bevis and Sire Guy,
 Of Sire Libeux and Pleindamour," &c.

There is another copy in the volume of English romances in the Cottonian library, *Caligula*, A. ii., the text of which was followed by Ritson, but who used also this manuscript, which he erroneously calls one of Sir Matthew Hale's manuscripts.

2. The second is the romance of MERLIN, beginning thus :—

He þat made wiþ his hond
 Wynd and water, wode and lond,
 Zeue heom alle good endýng
 Dat wolon listne þis talkyng ;
 And ý schal telle zow býfore
 How Merlyn was geten and bore,
 And of his wisdoms al so,
 And oþre happes mony mo, &c.

‘Thus it runs on through about 1700 lines ; at the end,—
 “ Explicit Merlyn.”

3. The third and longest of the romances is that of ALYSAUNDER, being 6756 lines, and filling 125 pages of the manuscript :—

Divers in þis myddel erde,
 To lerid men and to lewed,
 Bisylhed care and sorowe
 Is wiþ mony vche a morowe, &c.

Now ze haveþ al ý herd,
 God þat made þe myddel erd,
 Zeue ows alle his blessýng,
 And graunte ows alle god endýng :
 Amen, Amen, Amen, &c.
 Alisaunder me reowiþ þýn endýng
 Dat pou nadest dýzed in cristenýng.

Explicit Alysaunder.*

* This romance was transcribed from this manuscript by Mr. Park many years ago with the intention of printing it ; but that intention he laid aside on discovering that a large portion of the poem was wanting in this copy, as he found by comparing it with another copy in the Bodleian library at Oxford, (MSS. Laud. I. 74.) The romance was finally printed in 1810, by Mr. Weber, in his collection of the English metrical romances of the middle ages, vol. i. p. 1—327, from Mr. Park’s transcript of this manuscript, with the additional lines and a few various readings from the Laud manuscript.

4. The next piece fills thirty-seven pages, and is called at the beginning **BELLUM TROJANUM**, and at the end “**De Batayl of Troye.**”

Sýthen God hadde þis world wrought,
Heouene and eorþe, and al of nouȝt,
Mony auturis han bý falle
Dat we no knownen heom nouȝt alle, &c.

With the above four lines the prologue commences; the poem itself thus:—

Listenep lordyngis er ze gange
Of þe kýng of Troye þt was ded wiþ wrenge ;
He hade asone þat Priamus hýzte,
Dat was amon of mukil myȝte, &c.

5. The last is **PIERS PLOWMAN**, of which there are only seventeen leaves remaining:—

In a somer seson, when softe was þe sonne,
Yschaped me into schroudes as y ashep whore, &c.

It is to be regretted that nothing is now known of the manner in which this valuable manuscript passed into this library, or of the persons to whom it had previously belonged; manuscripts of this class being of rare occurrence. The name “Anthony Foster” is written in a hand of the reign of James I. as a former possessor. The original covers have been long removed, and it had lost many of its outer leaves before it was placed in the present very mean cover of ordinary leather in which it has been re-bound, probably early in the reign of Elizabeth.

On examining the covers attentively I discovered that there had been used in the binding a large piece of a document relating to the hospital of Saint John of Beverley; and connecting this with the fact that at Beverley there was in the times when this manuscript was written a noted fraternity of minstrels*, a probability is raised

* See in the Lansdowne MSS., vol. **xxvii**. art. 50., memoranda respecting the **Corpus Christi** plays at Beverley; and art. 61., the orders of the ancient company or fraternity of the minstrels in Beverley. The latter are very curious, and have

that the contents of this book were originally transcribed for their use, and that the manuscript may, without much hazard of misleading, be called hereafter the **Book of the Minstrels of Beverley.**

XXX. (CLII.)

A LAW COMMON-PLACE Book of about the time of King James I.

XXXI. (CLXI.)

A thin paper book in folio, not bound, containing notes of a few **CASES** in the reigns of Elizabeth and James I., and of points urged in them ; fairly transcribed.

XXXII. (CLXVII.)

A quarto manuscript on vellum, written in the early part of the fourteenth century, and re-bound, by Sir James Ley Earl of Marlborough, whose arms are impressed upon the covers. It contains copies of various **CHARTERS, STATUTES, and antient law pieces** usually printed among the statutes of the realm. I observe none among them which are not in the collection of the Statutes published by the Record Commission. These follow :

1. “ *Expositiones vocabulorum in cartis.*”
2. “ *In quibus casibus in antiquo dominico coronæ capienda est assisa novæ disseisinæ.*”
3. “ *De ponderibus, mensuris, et hujusmodi.*”
4. “ *Tractatus de bastardiâ.*”
5. “ *De sokemannis.*”
6. An imperfect registrum brevium.

not been used by the writers on this subject. The memory of this society is preserved at Beverley by the name of one of the pillars in the minster, which is called the **Minstrels' Pillar.**

7. Table of the capitula of *Magna Charta* and other early charters and statutes, with what appears to be a comment on certain portions of them.

8. Table of writs.

On the fly-leaf at the end, in an early hand, is a receipt in English to make a bait for fish.

XXXIII. (CLXX.)

A *YEAR Book* from Mich. term 15 Edw. II. to Mich. term 1 Edw. III.; a nearly contemporary manuscript.

XXXIV. (CLXXII.)

A large quarto, in its original wood covers, beautifully written on fine vellum in the fifteenth century, containing *Assisæ* from the 20th to the 45th of Edward III., and also in the 8th of Henry IV.

They appear to be selected cases, and there is no account of the places at which the assizes were held, the judges, or of the terms. An index is prefixed.

XXXV. (CLXXIII.)

An early and valuable copy of the *STATUTES*, beginning with *Magna Charta* and ending with " *Judicium pillor' et tumberelli*," in a hand of the reign of Edward II., or early in that of Edward III. A table of contents is prefixed.

Like other early collections of the statutes this manuscript has also the *Fet assaver*, *Parva Hengham*, *judicium essoniorum*, *cadit ass'*, *cum sit necessarium*, *bastardia*, *exceptiones contra brevia*, *Magna Hengham*, and *registerum de cancellariâ*.

XXXVI. (CLXXIV.)

A large quarto, written in the reign of Edward III., containing,

1. "Parva Hengham."
2. "Summa bastardiæ."
3. "Modus componendi brevia."
4. A large collection of extracts from the year books and the assisæ, arranged under headings of the titles of particular kinds of writs.

XXXVII. (CLXXVII.)

A quarto of the fifteenth century, described in the former catalogue as "Diversa BREVIA et processus super inde."

XXXVIII. (CLXXXI.)

A paper manuscript of the fifteenth century, in large quarto, and in its original wood covers, containing,

1. YEAR Book for all the terms in 21 Edw. III.
2. YEAR Books 46—49 Edw. III.
3. References to the YEAR Books, under heads of forms in law, alphabetically arranged.

At the end are "A medecyn for the murre;" "to make a comfortable drynck;" and the following couplet, which is often found written in law manuscripts of that age:—

" Rex novus accessit, propterea lex nova crescit;
Lex quæ successit similis veteri fore nescit."

XXXIX. (CLXXXII.)

A large quarto paper manuscript, containing selections from PLACITA, some of which were in the Exchequer, of 2 Hen. VI., 12 Ric. II., 5 & 9 Hen. V., and 1 Hen. VI.

XL. (CLXXXVI.)

A large folio in vellum, very fully written and of an early date, containing REPORTS from Easter term 1 Edw. III. to Mich. term 21 Edw. III.

Some one has remarked on a fly-leaf that "In this book are the terms from 10 to 17 Edw. III., which are not printed."* I do not, however, see any in the twelfth year

This manuscript was the gift of Sir Roger Owen, on 14th May, in the 14th year of King James, who was son and heir of Thomas Owen, Esq., one of the judges of the common pleas in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

XLI. (CLXXXVIII.)

A folio manuscript of the early part of the fourteenth century, containing PLACITA and ASSISÆ.

1. To the first fifty-seven leaves there is no heading.
2. "Placita de termino Sancti Mich. anno regis Edwardi xxxii." Sixteen leaves.
3. "De octabis Sancti Hillarii xxxii;" four leaves.
4. "De termino Pasch. anno r. r. E. xxxii;" nineteen leaves.
5. "Incipiunt placita in itinere justic' coram Joh'e Bewik, Launcetun anno r. r. . . . ;" seven leaves. "Expilicant placita de itinere de Cornubiâ de ten' modo irotulamenta de coron'."
6. "In itinere de Corn' coram J. de H. et sociis suis anno r. r. E. xxxi^o ;" two leaves.
7. "De termino Sancti Mich. anno xxx^o ;" one page.
8. "De termino Sancti Mich. anno xxx^o ;" thirteen leaves.

* This deficiency in the printed series of early reports is about to be supplied by the translation lately made by Mr. Manning from a manuscript in the library of the Inner Temple.

9. "Incipit terminus Sancti Hillarii anno r. r. E. xxxiii^o;" five leaves.

10. "Incipiunt placita de termino Paschæ anno r. r. [E.] xxxiii^o;" six leaves to the end of the volume.*

XLII. (CXC.)

A Copy of **FLETA** in a hand of the seventeenth century. An illumination at the beginning, which appears to be intended as a fac-simile of the original manuscript, exhibits the arms of Edward II. ; which seems to show that the manuscript of which this is the copy was of that reign.

" Ex dono JOHANNIS GLOVER armigeri."

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MANUSCRIPTS, THE GIFT OF VARIOUS BENEFACTORS, NOT IN THE CATALOGUE OF 1697.

XLIII.

A manuscript on fine vellum, containing the STATUTES from 1 Edw. III. to 29 Hen. VI.

This manuscript was prepared for John Nevil Marquis Montacute, as appears by his arms †, which occur in several of the illuminated pages, and is accordingly very richly embellished. The initial letters are all illuminated, and at the beginning of each successive reign the initial letter is in a small miniature, beautifully executed, in which

* This appears to be the volume to which Sir Matthew Hale more particularly alludes ; when speaking of the reports of the reign of Edward I. he says, " Some of these reports, though broken, yet the best of their kind, are in Lincoln's Inn library." *The History of the Common Law of England*, 6th edit. 1820. p. 195.

† These are Montague and Monthermer quarterly, quartering Nevil with a black label, each drop charged with three plates.

the king appears delivering the statute to his faithful parliament, to which we may suppose he has just assented.

In 1597 this manuscript was the property of Hayward Townsend of Lincoln's Inn.

XLIV.

An original REGISTER of the PRIORY of BATH, containing copies of all documents relating to the transactions of the house from about the year 1200 to 1360, with some few things of an earlier and also a very few things of a later date.

This register, when considered in the light of a chartulary of the possessions of a religious house which was of Saxon foundation, is of great value, but it assumes a much higher character when it is regarded as a depository of many of the transactions of the bishops of the diocese ; many of those transactions requiring to be ratified by the prior and convent of Bath when the seat of the bishoprick had been transferred again to Wells ; hence we have here a contemporary and what may be regarded as an authoritative record of the appropriation of many of the churches in the diocese, and of the ordinations of the vicarages. It contains also much respecting the proceedings on the election of the successive bishops in the period to which it refers.

There are also interspersed occasionally fragments of history.

The number of distinct articles in this register is 870. It was unsuitable to the design of the Record Commission, for whose use this catalogue was prepared, to give a full calendar of them, instead of which a very few of the more prominent of them were specified.

1. " *Nomina fratrum et sororum reddentium aliqui. huic domui.*"

2. A charter of Reinaldus Bishop of Bath, with the consent of Hugh the prior and the whole convent, and also of Richard the dean of Wells and the whole chapter ; he appoints Richard de Ford to be the hundredman for

the hundred of Bath, the office having been long before unsevered and settled upon him land at Sootherwick and Callington.

3. Et the prior and the whole convent, declaring that whatever they have paid to the king, John, during the whole of his reign to the then fourteenth year has been of free gift: and this charter is made that no one may hereafter "exactiones appelleat vel extorsiones."

4. Fine by which lands are granted lying between the divisas de Corsor and Wodnesdich [Wansdike], 2 Hen. III.

5. The whole correspondence relating to the great contest, in 1242, about the election of the bishop of the diocese, between the prior and convent of Bath and the dean and canons of Wells: twenty-three documents in all, including letters to the king and to the pope.

6. "Incipit processus electionis Walteri Gifford quoniam Bathon' et Well' episcopi habent' inter monachos Bathon' et canonicos Well' in capitulo Wellen."

7. "Incipit processus electionis domini Will' archidi' Wellen' habent' inter monachos Bathon' et canonicos Well' in capitulo Bathon," 1266.

8. W. Bishop of Bath and Wells, in 1260, ratifying a gift to the Augustinian canons of Stodleigh, in the diocese of Worcester, which R. de Tregor, "patronus loci religiosi qui dicitur Stepholme," has made to them of the whole island; two canons of the house at least to live constantly upon the island.

9. Eugenius, formerly an abbot and monk in Germany, at the instance of Queen Margaret is received into the house of Bath, and makes his profession; 1299.

10. Thomas prior of Bath being unable on account of sickness to attend his duty in parliament makes Will. de Hampton, a monk of his house, his proctor; dated on the first Sunday in Lent, 1299.

11. "Haec sunt beneficia concessa omnibus qui sunt in fraternitate matricis ecclesiae Beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli Bathon'."

12. A legendary account of the first origin of the

bishoprick of Somerset, with the history to the time of Bishop Reginald, 1174; including some account, written by himself, of Gýso, who was bishop at the time of the Conquest.

13. Robert the elect of Bath and Wells, Walter prior of Bath, and Edward the dean and whole chapter of Wells surrender to the king, Edward, all right which they have in the patronage of the church of Glaston, &c. in exchange for the city of Bath, &c.

14. Agreement with a physician named John de Bath to reside constantly in the house, 2 Edw. III.

15. Ordinations of the vicarages of Keynsham, St. Mary at Stalls in Bath, Corston, Compton, Kary, Ingliscombe, Kelveston, Hampton, and Batheneston.

16. A brother of the house intending to visit the Holy Land has permission from the prior to assume a lay habit if he should find it convenient to do so, and has assurance that he shall be received again into the house on his return, 1324.

17. A long and particular account of the benefactors and benefactions to the house, beginning with King Athelstan.

This register is mentioned in the new edition of the *Monasticon*, and it is there said to have been one of the manuscripts of Sir Matthew Hale, but that does not appear to be the case. There is no notice of it in the schedule annexed to his will, nor is it mentioned in the catalogue of the manuscripts which was drawn up in 1697.

XLV.

A quarto, of the early part of the fourteenth century, containing the STATUTES from *Magna Charta* to the “Statutum editum apud Ebor.” To these are added the antient law tracts generally found in collections of the statutes; viz. *Brevia placitata*, *Curia Baronum*, *Magnum Hengham*, *Fetassever*, *Parvum Hengham*, *Modus componendi*

brevia, Exceptiones ad cassand', Judicium essonio-
rum, Interpretatio sokæ et aliorum verborum,
Statutum de conjunct' feoffament' falso factis, Re-
gistrum de cancellariâ.

A copy of a fine of lands in Warwickshire of the reign of Edward I. is introduced at fol. 113.

This manuscript formerly belonged to WILLIAM FALCONER, Esq. of Chester, who has affixed a table of the several statutes, and was the gift to this society of his son WILLIAM FALCONER, M.D. of Bath.

XLVI.

A manuscript, of the 18mo form, containing, in a hand of the fourteenth century, the STATUTES from Magna Charta to "Westm. anno quinto." A table of capitula to many of the statutes is prefixed.

On the fly-leaves are a set of cautions in rhyme to purchasers of land, a few moral sentences, and a notice of the disgysyngs of the Inner Temple in the reign of Henry VII.

XLVII.

A quarto, very fairly written and illuminated about the close of the fourteenth century, of GLANVILLE, with the following rubrick: "Incipit tractatus de legibus et consuetudinibus regni Angliæ tempore Regis Henrici Secundi compositus, justiciæ gubernacula tenente illustri viro Ranulfo de Glanville, juris regni et antiquarum consuetudinum eo tempore peritissimo." The gift of WILLIAM SELWYN, Esq., late bencher of Lincoln's Inn, in 1795.

XLVIII.

A quarto manuscript fairly written, entitled “A continuation of BRITTON translated into English, from chapter 25.” “The gift of ROBERT KELHAM, senior member of Lincoln’s Inn, aged eighty-nine, Feb. 1807.”

Mr. Kelham published, in a thin octavo volume in 1762, a translation of Britton as far as the twenty-fifth chapter. This manuscript is his translation of the remainder with a preface, as intended by him for publication. At the end of the manuscript are “Corrections and emendations; some passages in Wingate’s edition of Britton compared with the first edition and with several manuscripts in the British Museum, and corrected.”

Mr. Kelham’s own copy of Wingate’s edition, with numerous references in the margin to Glanville, Bracton, Fleta, the Mirror, and the Institutes, by Mr. Kelham, is also in the library, his own gift. In this book there is also an account by Mr. Kelham of the manuscripts of Britton in the British Museum.

XLIX.

A folio manuscript, entitled “Abridgement of law,” written about the beginning of the eighteenth century, presented to the library in 1825 by J. PALMER, Esq. of Gray’s Inn.

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“A particular state of the receipts and issues of the PUBLIC REVENUE, taxes, and loans during the reign of his late Majesty King William; that is to say, from the 5th of November 1688, from which day the parliament appointed the said accounts should commence, to the 25th of March 1702,

being the first determination of the accounts after the demise of his said late Majesty, which happened on the 8th of March preceding. The same reduced to one general account or state for the whole time above mentioned."

In the same volume, which is a quarto, are a few public accounts of a later date, and "Abstracts of the money bills, beginning the first of William and Mary and continued to 1 Georgii."

" This volume was presented to the honourable society of Lincoln's Inn 6th Nov. 1800, by Mrs. LEE, widow of JOHN LEE, Esq., late one of the masters of the bench of this society."

L.I. LII.

" **STORIA DE FIRENZA** di M. BENEDETTO VARCHI," an Italian manuscript of the eighteenth century, in two volumes folio. There is an edition of this work printed at Cologne in 1721.

LIII.—LIX.

Six volumes of **REPORTS OF CASES in CHANCERY** by **WILLIAM MELMOTH**, Esq., one of the benchers of this Society, and a seventh volume, containing tables of matters; small folio, in parchment covers. The earliest of the cases here reported is *Yates v. Fettiplace and Lacy*, which, according to *Vernon's Reports*, ii. p. 416, was determined by Lord Keeper Wright in Hill. term 1700, and the latest in 1742.

THE DAMPIER MANUSCRIPTS.

These manuscripts were presented to the library at Lincoln's Inn by John Lucius Dampier, Esquire,

vice warden of the Stannaries, recorder of Portsmouth, and a barrister of this society, in Michaelmas term 7 W. 4., 1836.

The manuscripts consist of ninety-seven bundles in parchment covers, and may be classed under five heads :—

1. Five bundles marked A. P. B., having been the paper books of Ashhurst, J., Hill. 9 Geo. III. to Trin. 25 Geo. III. 1 to 100.

2. Twenty-six bundles, marked B. P. B., having been the paper books of Buller, J., East. 18 G. III. to Mich. 36 Geo. III. 1 to 842.

The four last bundles, from 700 to 842, are cases in term reports.

3. Fifty-three bundles, having been the paper books of Lawrence, J., Trin. 34 Geo. III. to Trin. 51 Geo. III. 1 to 897.

4. Ten bundles, marked P. B. D., having been the paper books of Dampier, J., Trin. 53 Geo. III. to Mich. 56 Geo. III. 1 to 171.

5. Miscellaneous, consisting of three bundles, the two first of which contain printed cases in the House of Lords, 1 to 15; and the third, briefs, with a list of names in special cases, and two volumes in parchment covers, which belonged formerly to Lawrence, J., containing indexes to his paper books, and also to manuscript cases, which Mr. Dampier retains for the present, but has promised that they shall eventually be presented to the library.



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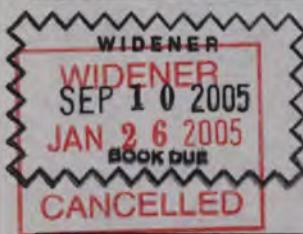
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